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Smith voting deal hits new union hurdle

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

■ Claims that Labour and the unions have come to a consensus over one member one vote are premature. Union opposition is set to continue

JOHN Smith last night claimed an important victory in his battle to reform Labour party democracy — and immediately found himself in a fresh conflict with the trade unions over one member one vote.

The Labour leader persuaded a committee of union and party members yesterday to approve three key reforms, which are expected to be adopted as party policy next week. But two of the biggest unions insisted afterwards that they had not eased their opposition to plans to exclude them from the selection of party candidates, and Mr Smith still faces a summer-long tussle to avoid defeat at their hands at the party conference.

Emerging from the five-hour meeting yesterday, Mr Smith claimed he had reached a deal with the unions. "We had a very satisfactory meeting, a very positive outcome. We achieved a consensus here today."

The committee, which had spent a year studying Labour's links with the unions, backed the leader's "levy plus" scheme for one member one vote for the selection of party candidates, an end to the union block vote at the party conference, and a compromise plan on the election of the leader and deputy leader based on a register of trade union supporters.

Under the "levy plus" proposals, trade unionists who pay the political levy and declare support for the party will be able to become card-carrying members with full voting rights for a reduced subscription of about £3. Those who do not choose to become full members will be able to join a separate register of supporters who will be allowed to vote in leadership elections but not choose candidates.

Party sources were confident last night that the reforms would be endorsed by the national executive on Monday. "This is not a position adopted for negotiation," one senior official said. "This is to become the NEC's policy, not just John Smith's policy, and will be the recommendation to conference."

Later, in a series of interviews, Mr Smith made clear that he would give no further ground, although he refused to make "rash predictions" about whether he would win conference approval and admitted that he could not commit unions to backing his plan in September. He hoped that it would find favour throughout the party and the unions as the basis of a genuine reform of Labour's constitution.

"No-one lost. No-one won. The Labour party gained today from the fact we were able to achieve this remarkable consensus," he said. "Today we have made an important breakthrough which will be the basis of the decisions we make at the conference. We achieved a remarkable area of agreement. I think that is something that we will certainly build upon. It's been a very good day for the Labour party."

But union officials who attended the meeting were clearly angered by Mr Smith's interpretation of events and felt they had been bounced by the leader. Representatives of three of the biggest unions had opposed Mr Smith's plans, but there was no vote on the statement. Nor was there any call for a minority report, despite the dissension of the Transport and General Workers, the GMB and the shop workers' union. Officials from the transport and GMB unions said later that they had not in any way modified their opposition to the introduction of one member one vote to the selection of parliamentary candidates; nothing had occurred at the meeting to alter their position. They also said that Mr Smith's advisers had little room to claim a victory when he had to compromise on the composition of the electoral college for the leadership. Under the plan agreed yesterday, the college would comprise a third individual members, a third MPs and MEPs and a third trade union levy payers.

The plan also calls for an end to block votes at conference, with votes being cast instead by individual delegates reflecting membership views.

While the big unions continued to press their opposition to the plans, the agreement will delight "modernisers" such as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown who have been anxious to rid the party of its trade union image.

The deal also found favour with the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, one of the few to support the reforms. Nigel Harris, an executive member of the AEEU and a member of the review group, said commonsense had prevailed. "We are more than delighted with the outcome and we hope that the NEC will now unanimously endorse these proposals."

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'Too many powers have already been ceded to Brussels'

CHRIS HARRIS

Pointed intervention: Lady Thatcher before yesterday's debate in the Lords

Thatcher calls for Britons to have their say

BY SHEILA GUNN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

BARONESS Thatcher made an emotional appeal to her fellow peers last night to vote for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and let the British people speak.

Before defying the three-line whip for the first time in 34 years in Parliament, the former prime minister insisted that too many powers had already been ceded to Brussels. "The time has come to stop it," she said.

She spoke as it emerged last night that the government is bringing forward its final showdown with the Conservative Euro-sceptics, who have fought for 14 months to prevent the ratification of the Maastricht treaty. The vote to confirm Britain's opt-out from the social chapter will take place next Thursday rather than the following week.

Lady Thatcher's words, delivered with the same passion as her bravura resignation speech, were received in almost total silence by about 500 peers and about 50 MPs. Backing the cross-party amendment for a referendum, she concluded: "It is the people's turn to speak. It is their powers of which we are the custodians." To cheers from fellow Euro-sceptics she talked of Eurocrats "diminishing democracy and substituting bureaucracy" and "shrouding Eurospeak in drivel".

However, Lord Whitelaw and Lord Howe of Aberavon, her former deputy prime ministers, warned the upper House against overturning the decision of the Commons, where the call for a referendum was defeated by 239 votes. Lord Lawson of Blaby used his maiden speech to argue that Britain's opt-out on monetary union blocked the ambitions of the federal architects of the treaty. Without economic and monetary union, they could not succeed in building a super-state, he said.

Speaking late in the lengthy debate, Lady Thatcher said she had her fingers badly burnt by arch-federalists within the EC in the past. The Maastricht treaty would lead to more legislation being decided behind the closed doors of the European Commission and the Council of Ministers.

"We got our fingers burnt. Don't now go back to that same fire with a much bigger treaty with many more powers and get both your arms and perhaps your head burnt as well."

Lady Thatcher said she had believed the phrase "European union" in the Single European Act had no particular meaning, but those words had been clothed with a federal meaning at the earliest possible opportunity. "I have been absolutely astonished at the extent to which things are moving towards the Com-

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Major vetoes 'babies for sale' scheme

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major intervened yesterday to veto controversial health department plans to allow local authorities to charge couples for adopting children.

In the latest of a series of government retreats, proposals floated only six days ago, which could have amounted to charges of up to £1,500, have been dropped.

Last night it emerged that the prime minister had overruled Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, and had asked for the proposals to be looked at again. As a result, a white paper on adoption, expected in two weeks, has been delayed.

Only last week John Bowis, the junior health minister, set off a heated debate when he revealed that the government had decided that councils should be given the power to impose fees for "home reports" drawn up by social workers to assess the suitability of potential parents. The proposed charges prompted immediate accusations that the government was creating a "cash-register society".

Mr Major, concerned that charging might deter potentially suitable parents from adopting, swiftly asked to see details of the plans on his return last Friday from Tokyo after the Group of Seven summit. He studied them over the weekend and asked for changes.

Yesterday Mrs Bottomley confirmed the health department's climbdown. Asked about the proposals for charging, she declared: "I very much doubt whether there is any prospect of any type of charging for domestic adoptions. There has never been any question of financial matters standing in the way of adoption."

The government retreat comes after other policy reversals on pit closures, school testing, and unit fines in courts. But last night Mr Major was being praised by Tory MPs for taking speedy action to defuse the row.

The health department said: "The white paper has not yet been finalised. No publication date has been set." This, however, contradicted guidance from the same department last week, which had indicated that the report would be published in two weeks' time.

But headlines about "babies for sale" are known to have worried the prime minister and Tory MPs.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, welcomed the climbdown. He said: "The idea of charging for adoption was one of the Tories' crazier notions and should not have been considered. Many people who would make excellent parents would have been deterred from adopting children. I am glad we have been able to make the government see sense on this issue. The proposals have already caused considerable distress to many couples."

Smith: "No-one won and no-one lost"

IRA suspect seized with bomb

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A TOP IRA suspect carrying a hidden bomb was seized by undercover armed police yesterday as he waited at a bus stop on his way into central London to launch an attack.

Surveillance teams are believed to have trailed the man for hundreds of miles in an investigation lasting weeks. He is understood to have driven down from Scotland watched by police, parked and headed for London's West End.

Within hours of the arrest, mounted by Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, seven men and women were arrested by officers from the central Scotland force. Last night Scotland Yard officers travelled to Stirling.

Anti-terrorist officers were talking of a highly successful operation in which MI5 played a significant role after taking the lead in terrorist intelligence last year. Police do not know the target but they believe that it was intended to announce the IRA's return to central London after the Bishopsgate bomb.

One target could have been the City as the IRA tried to thwart the security measures brought after the explosion in April. Buses from the north London area reach the West End where the man could have changed to reach the City by mid-morning.

The man arrested near Staples Corner, close to the scene of an IRA van bomb last year, was described as a suspected "top player". He recently came over from Northern Ireland, reaching London yesterday morning. As police watched,

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Enquiry ordered on killer who was freed

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, yesterday announced an enquiry to see if lessons can be learnt from the case of the youth acquitted of murder after stabbing to death a man who tackled him for slashing car tyres.

The case of Joseph Elliott, 19, who walked free after arguing that he acted in self-defence, prompted widespread concern. Mr Howard said: "I want to see if there are any lessons we can learn from it." As the furore continued over the acquittal of Mr Elliott after the death of Robert Osborne, 40, lawyers defended the charging policy of the Crown Prosecution Service and the importance of the right to argue self-defence. Anthony Edwards, of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, said the defence of self-defence was an important safeguard. He hoped there would not be any tampering with it.

Diane Osborne, who cradled her husband's head as he lay dying after tackling a vandal yards from his home in Streatham, south London, said she would not rule out taking civil action. Lawyers said that such an action would be pointless because Mr Elliot would not have the money to make a claim for damages worthwhile.

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Inflation rate falls to lowest in 30 years

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

INFLATION fell to its lowest level in Britain for 30 years in June, providing the government with an unusually happy combination of growth without inflation.

Headline retail price index inflation confounded forecasts for a rise, falling to an annual rate of 1.2 per cent from 1.3 per cent in May. Underlying inflation, also expected to increase, stayed stable at 2.8 per cent, according to the Central Statistical Office.

Economists at UBS Ltd said that yesterday's figures represented "a genuine improvement in price pressures" and concluded that prices are being held back by the weakness of consumer demand.

The news increased confidence in the City that inflation this year and next will remain within the government's target range of 1 to 4 per cent and prompted speculation that a rising pound more than justified a base rate cut.

City analysts generally welcomed the latest figures, though several said that inflation was likely to rise in the months ahead.

Opposition parties also welcomed the further fall in inflation, but warned of other economic problems for the government. Gordon Brown, shadow chancellor, said Mr Clarke should cut interest rates to create jobs.

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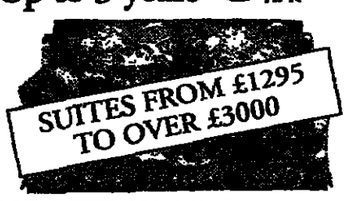

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Fat peers put their weight behind EC

Baroness Thatcher appears this week in waxwork effigy in the "Women in Politics" display in the Commons upper waiting hall. Dressed in cobalt blue with a big bow, she stands by the wall, startling unsuspecting members of the public and offering us the chance of a lifetime to give Lady Thatcher a piece of our mind and not to get a piece of hers back.

Yesterday, she chose to appear concurrently in the Lords Chamber, selecting an identical shade of blue. The effect on those who had just passed her, frozen on the landing, was unsettling. But there she was, almost as lifelike and making notes. She was next to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, who is not a fan; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, who once remarked (of her first ministerial appointment) that a woman was incapable of being a minister of pensions; and Lord Howe of Aberavon, whose relationship with her is indicated by their inability even to look at each other. What company!

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead is certainly no pal. He began by patronising Lord Tonypandy (George Thomas), claiming he had let him speak first because Thomas had once been his parliamentary secretary and it was his turn for a crack of the whip. Peers play at patronising each other as schoolboys play marbles.

Jenkins ended by patronising Lord (Nigel) Lawson of Blaby, whose maiden performance he said he awaited with "intense interest". In a counter-patronising thrust, Lawson was sarcastically grateful for "the noble lord's expression of interest in my speech". Lord Howe, whose speech followed, then patronised Lord Lawson, remarking that Lawson had been one of his junior ministers: the House was full of them.

But what, you ask, of the argument? It was not necessary to listen to this. It quickly became clear which way the vote would go — without hearing a single word. The thinner a peer was, the more they were against Maastricht; the fatter the peer, the more convinced of the benefits of the EC. There are more fat peers than thin ones.

Lord Blake spoke first. Spare of face and frame, he has a slight paunch. He told us he wanted a referendum, but would *probably* vote, reluctantly, for Maastricht. Lord Wakeham, who is chunky but not massive, made a crisply effective speech in favour of Maastricht, but without emotion. Labour's leader in the Lords, Ivor Richard, was sublimely relaxed about Maastricht and anxious that Britain stay with the European process. Lord Richard, an ex-EC commissioner, is a fat man. Roy Jenkins agreed. Jenkins, another ex-commissioner, is another fat man.

George Thomas was passionately against the treaty. He is painfully thin. I caught the rake-like Lord Tebbit nodding as he spoke. Nigel Lawson, who is bulky but no more, urged us to accept the treaty, but only because it was ineffectual. The chubby Geoffrey Howe was more enthusiastic. As I left, Lady (Barbara) Castle of Blackburn was on her feet. The tiny, bird-like creature loathed Maastricht and all its works. Still to come were Lord Whitelaw, a big man, and Lady Thatcher, a small woman. Shall we guess which way each spoke?

Anyway, though he was not there, and though the vote went against him, Bill Cash won. You had only to listen to Roy Jenkins's speech. Maastricht was "a fairly muddled treaty," he said, for which he had no great respect. What a change is here!

We are all Euro-sceptics now.

Director-general likens old BBC regime to Soviet-style economy

KIM SCOTT-CLARK

J'accuse: the veteran correspondent Mark Tully, left, meets John Birt, the BBC chief, at the Radio Academy festival in Birmingham

Birt tries to quash rebellion with defence of cost-cutting reforms

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

■ John Birt urges his critics to abandon *their nostalgia and confront the realities* imposed by competitive broadcasting

JOHN Birt, director-general of the BBC, moved decisively yesterday to quash the rebellion brewing in the corporation's ranks with a robust defence of his cost-cutting reforms.

Delivering his most compelling speech since becoming director-general in January, Mr Birt appealed to "those who look back with nostalgia to a bygone age" of BBC perfection to face the harsh realities imposed by an increasingly competitive broadcasting world. He dismissed as "black propaganda" accusations that he was introducing change for change's sake.

Replying to the blistering attack on his management style and policies launched yesterday by Mark Tully, the BBC's veteran India correspondent, the director-general said radical reform was the *only option*.

Mr Birt can also expect tough questioning today when he addresses his peers from the BBC and commercial television at a Media Society lunch in London. On Friday the BBC will publish the results of its staff attitude survey. The expected unflattering findings will spark further debate.

Many BBC managers welcomed Mr Birt's speech as a "long overdue" explanation of his efficiency drive. However, some of the workforce wanted to know why he had waited so long before delivering it. Others were aggrieved at his savage indictment of the corporation's former management as old BBC soldiers "sniping at us with their muskets".

Addressing the Radio Academy's annual festival in Birmingham, Mr Birt said he was grateful for Mr Tully's statement. However, he painted a picture of the BBC before his arrival as a place where millions of pounds were frittered away and valuable equipment left idle. "We had an unwieldy, almost Soviet-style command economy, where money was allocated from the top to every activity ... No one knew what anything cost," he said.

"For the first time ever we discovered what our overheads were really costing us, and it was a staggering £300 million a year. By concentrating on reducing these we will in due course make savings of £70 million a year," he said.

Mr Birt promised greater job security for his staff and more open discussion, but Mr Tully said yesterday the director-general had failed to address satisfactorily the question of poor staff morale. Mr Birt's speech contained "too many nuts and bolts and not enough heart and soul".

He expressed deep concern about the "continued rubbishing of the old BBC management", saying it was hard to imagine that Michael Checkland, Mr Birt's predecessor and an accountant by training, would have presided over quite such a decrepit structure as the one described yesterday. There was a grudging acceptance among many of the 400 radio industry delegates, many from the BBC, that history would prove Mr Birt right.

Michael Green, controller of Radio 4, said Mr Birt's address showed there was scope for open debate within the BBC. "We have one of the most argumentative workforces there is. That is a strength."

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Parties seize on Brooke's warning to voters

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

A LIBERAL Democrat victory in the Christchurch by-election could hasten a general election and let in a Labour government, a senior cabinet minister said yesterday in what opposition parties seized on as the first significant Tory gaffe of the campaign.

Speaking at a press conference in Christchurch yesterday, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, said tactical voters "will need to ask themselves if they actually wish to be confronted with a general election at which a Labour government might be elected".

His comments immediately fuelled speculation that the Tory leadership has already written off Christchurch.

Mr Brooke's use of an extended cricketing metaphor made local Tories wince even more. On its present performance, he said, the government was like a cricket team that had been skittled in its first innings and forced to follow on.

Mr Brooke said that every lost by-election brought nearer the time when the government would lose its majority and be forced to go to the country. "If the general election occurs at a time not of the government's choosing, then that clearly changes the balance of that election," he said.

Rob Hayward, the Tory candidate in Christchurch, denied that Mr Brooke's comments were a gaffe and said it was right to draw attention to the alternatives to a Conservative government.

However, Labour immediately seized on Mr Brooke's comments as confirmation that the government regarded Labour and not the Liberal Democrats as the main threat. Ann Taylor, shadow education secretary, said in Christchurch that Mr Brooke's comments "really do underline the fact that only Labour can give Britain a different government".

The Liberal Democrats reacted warily to Mr Brooke's comments, claiming that the government was attempting to scare off wavering Tories from changing their vote. Archie Kirkwood, the party's chief whip, who was also in Christchurch yesterday, said the remarks were "calculated to divert attention from the issues that are of concern in this by-election". Asked if they had been an unintentional gaffe, Mr Kirkwood said: "I don't think even Peter Brooke would be that silly."

☐ 1992 general election: RJ Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J Barratt (NLP) 243; A Wareham (CRA) 175. C maj: 23,015.

Thatcher's treaty plea

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munity and against our Parliament and against our courts," she said.

The government is keeping its opponents guessing about how it will react if it loses the social chapter vote next week. Senior ministers believe the government will press ahead with ratification even if it is defeated, but the rebels say this could be illegal.

The bill cannot come into force until the House has "come to a resolution" on the question of the social chapter. If the government motion is rejected, this provision will not have been met. The decision to bring the vote forward means it will not now be held in the same week as the Christchurch by-election. The main reason is thought to be the government's desire to bring an unhappy parliamentary session to an end as soon as possible.

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Resentful staff predict worse to come

BY BILL FROST

WHILE senior BBC executives loyal to their director-general may have congratulated themselves yesterday on a controversy covered with exemplary openness, the malcontents predicted continuing "rule by fear".

Whispering down the telephone to avoid being overheard, one angry and depressed employee said: "The management think that the row will now blow itself out, but we know that John Birt's speech signals more of the same, or perhaps even worse to come. He just doesn't seem to realise or care that Mark Tully spoke for a great many of us who have had *enough of his tyrannical style* of management."

Another less bitter source praised "the bosses" for giving Mr Tully a platform to air his views on the director-general's alleged rule of fear, but pointed out that editorial executives had little choice in the matter. "They knew full well that if they didn't do the story justice, ITN and Fleet Street would wipe the floor with them."

After hearing Mr Birt's speech, one long-time employee in the corporation's news *division said yesterday*: "He has no intention of listening to us, or anybody else for that matter. He has put in place managers who bombard us with propaganda ... and issue mountains of fact sheets on political correctness. Meanwhile, programme quality is suffering."

More in sadness than in anger, another "whisperer" described Mr Birt's speech as "disingenuous nonsense from a man who knows full well that morale among the people who actually make programmes has never been lower.

"Mark Tully can afford the luxury of a Viking funeral — his career is drawing to a close," he added. "But the rest of us have to stay and endure this tyranny for the sake of an organisation we still love, or the ability to pay the mortgage, if nothing else."

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Watchdog seeks more data laws

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE data protection registrar, Eric Howe, called yesterday for tougher laws to prevent the release of confidential information. The move followed complaints by Stella Rimington, director-general of the security service, and Norman Lamont, former Chancellor.

Mr Howe said a new criminal offence of "intrusion by deceit" might be necessary. The loophole in protection laws was revealed when *The Sunday Times* published personal information about Mrs Rimington, including details of her bank account, credit card and medical affairs, profiles of close members of her family and even records of her mortgage and council tax payments. The newspaper said the information was obtained through a commercial enquiry agent.

Mrs Rimington complained to the data protection registrar. Mr Lamont complained after newspapers published details of an unpaid credit card debt.

Mr Howe, who deals with all complaints about the use of computerised data, said it was possible to obtain such information deceitfully without breaching the Data Protection Act.

"There is a very real difficulty because all organisations tell their staff to be as helpful as possible. Finding the proper level of security where staff can be helpful but not get deceived or inadvertently give away information to others can be quite a difficult balance," he said. Details of bank accounts, tax and credit cards were being sold on a black market.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reuter reporters spied for Britain

Queen Victoria's ministers employed Reuters international news agency correspondents as spies, according to documents published today by the Public Record Office. Reuters proved unreliable and Lord Salisbury, then prime minister, cancelled the four-year agreement in 1898.

After two centuries of official denial that the secret services existed, the government is publishing original files telling how MI6, MI5 and their forerunners were created. Yesterday the Foreign Office issued a guide to the documents. The earliest papers will detail Parliament's expenditure on espionage after the French revolution. Operations cost £120,000 in 1815, the year of Waterloo.

Sex-claim GP cleared

A GP accused of emotionally blackmailing a patient into a two-year sexual relationship was cleared of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council yesterday. The woman claimed that Dr Feramerz Minwalla, 57, a grandfather from Birmingham, seduced her during counselling after her marriage broke up.

Bond theme libel win

Monty Norman, the composer of the James Bond theme, was awarded undisclosed libel damages over a claim in a letter to a pop magazine that he did not write the music. The High Court in London was told that IPC Magazines, publishers of *Vox*, accepted there was no truth in the allegation and also agreed to pay legal costs.

Linley names the day

Viscount Linley, 31, and Serena Stanhope, 23, who announced their engagement in May, are to marry at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on October 8, they said yesterday. The wedding is likely to be attended by a large contingent from the royal family, although a guest list has not yet been issued.

Vanishing journey

A British Airways pilot ordered a magician off a flight at Milan when the man swallowed coins, banknotes and his boarding card. An airline spokesman said the captain had been worried about safety when the plane was airborne. The man missed the following flight after he swallowed bottles of typewriter ink remover at a check-in desk.

IRA suspect seized at London bus stop

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the man parked his blue Escort and stood at a bus stop with a bomb weighing between four and five pounds and a timing device in a bag.

Leroy Boyles, a social worker, described the moment when Crest Road, Cricklewood, was sealed off. He said police in a taxi blocked the road. They leapt out and shouted at a man at a bus stop to "get down, get down".

"They told him to keep his eyes on one of the officers and put his hands out by his side," said Mr Boyles, who was driving past. He said the man was white, quite portly, aged 45 to 55, and carrying a satchel. Officers ordered passers-by and shopkeepers either to get inside or leave the area.

Mr Boyles said the officers ordered the man to lie face down. The suspect dropped to the ground as officers seized a black holdall containing the explosives. "They were shouting at him to just get on the ground. He went straight down. They told him to get on his hands and knees and move about five yards away from the satchel and to keep staring into the eyes of one officer and then to lie down again.

"He got down on the floor quite slowly and then some of the police who were just wearing street clothes and baseball caps put on armbands and stopped the traffic," Mr Boyles said. Bomb experts spent several hours examining the holdall before the area was declared safe.

The Scottish arrests took place as police sealed off part of a housing estate covered in anti-IRA and anti-Catholic graffiti in the village of New Sauchie on the outskirts of Alloa a few miles from Stirling. At least two are believed to be Irish and one is the mother of a small child. One man works on a farm.

Roger Lucey, who owns Gartmore Hill Farm, said he was going for lunch when police armed with machine-guns appeared from nowhere.

"I just thought what the hell is going on." They went into outbuildings and arrested two men. "It was handcuffs on and face in the mud." Mr Lucey said he was convinced of his employee's innocence. He said the second man did odd jobs.

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Streatham stabbing

Widow of 'good neighbour' vows to fight for justice

By Louise Hidalgo

THE widow of Bob Osborne, the music teacher whose defiant killer walked free from the Old Bailey after being cleared of murder, has vowed to fight for justice.

Diane Osborne, who cradled her husband as he lay fatally wounded after confronting a vandal 300 yards from their home in Streatham, south London, said she may take civil action against Joseph Elliott, 19. He claimed that he stabbed Mr Osborne in self-defence after he approached him with a hammer.

Mrs Osborne, 38, said: "It is not the end of the road. I will do all I can to get justice. Elliott admitted taking drugs, slashing tyres and stabbing my husband, but they still said he wasn't guilty. My husband is now dead and his killer is free. People who are calling Bob a vigilante are wrong. He was a gentle kind person who just knew when something was wrong."

From the maisonette where she lives with her children, Tarina, 19, Justin, 18, and Lisa, 14, Mrs Osborne can see the flat a few hundred yards away where Mr Elliott lives. "I dread the day I meet him as I turn on the street. What I would do to him is unprintable," she said.

She described how she had comforted her husband, who took action after hearing Mr Elliott vandalise a neighbour's car, as he lay wounded in her arms last December. "After I had called the ambulance, I begged Bob not to leave me. I kept saying, 'Baby, don't leave me, don't leave me now.' But he stopped breathing and died.

"Each morning I wake up and remember that Bob is dead, and I feel sick. I've had terrible nightmares.

Even now I can't recall things properly, but I remember that night vividly."

Looking drawn and thin, Mrs Osborne added: "I cannot go out alone at night. If I see two young men walking towards me in the street, I begin to shake." As the family were yesterday trying to come to terms with the verdict given on Tuesday, there was a stream of telephone calls and visitors, among them the local MP, John Fraser, shadow spokesman on law, and Det Insp Frank Sole, the officer who led the investigation.

Mr Fraser is asking the attorney-general and home secretary to review the details of the case and to look at the definition of self-defence as a legal defence. He will also be asking the Crown Prosecution Service why Mr Elliott was not charged with possessing an offensive weapon and causing criminal damage. Mr Fraser said he had received many messages of support on Mrs Osborne's behalf. "This sort of incident is becoming all too common. Only last Saturday, a mile away, a shopkeeper was stabbed to death in similar circumstances trying to stop raiders stealing from his shop."

> 'I want to see justice done. It was not the police who failed to do their job, it was the jury'

Mr and Mrs Osborne first met when she was just 12. They met again a few more times but it was not until eight years later, after her first marriage, that their relationship became serious. They married six years ago, after living together for almost 20 years.

"He was a good father and husband and a just, quiet man. He was the most gentle man in the world," she said. She refuses to contemplate leaving the council home they moved into three and a half years ago. "Everyone says we should think about moving, but I will not. I have done nothing wrong and I will still hold my head high walking down the road."

Every day she must walk past the estate where Mr Elliott lives, a grim inner-city area less than two minutes from her home, with broken windows and graffiti-stained walls.

"There are quite a few people around here who, after the verdict, are afraid — for their children and their mothers, their husbands and their wives," Mrs Osborne said.

"If they feel that strongly about what has happened they may decide to act. Let's face it, the court system has not managed to protect them."

Inside the house, the hallway and sitting room bear the marks of the redecoration her husband began before his death. His guitar, idle for the past seven months, has pride of place in the lounge, with its floorboards bare ready for polishing and its wallpaper recently applied.

"Every tile, every cupboard, every bit of wallpaper he put up so that he could provide a good home for his family," said Justin. He is Mrs Osborne's son by her first marriage, but said Bob Osborne had been a true father.

Undeterred by the verdict, he is determined to pursue his ambition to become a policeman and has applied to the Met. "I am interested in seeing justice done. It was not the police who failed to do their job, it was the jury."

Mrs Osborne's eldest daughter Tarina, 19, is on holiday in Spain and yesterday still did not know of the verdict.

Lisa, Mr and Mrs Osborne's daughter, can see the home of her father's killer from her bedroom.

Friends and neighbours praised Mr Osborne, whose great passion was music. At the age of 11 he taught himself to play the guitar and later he enjoyed playing country and western music and songs by Dire Straits and Eric Clapton in public houses.

By day he was a teacher of music, a profession he started ten years ago after an eye injury forced him to give up his former career as a welder. His widow said: "He coped with the children very well and always managed to get them interested in the subject. The kids liked him; they knew he would do anything to help. He was the kindest, most generous, most considerate person I have met in my life and he didn't have an ounce of violence in him."

His other passion was do-it-yourself. As well as his extensive work on the family home, he built a car from spare parts. But, shortly after being completed, it too was the target of vandals.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Unwelcome reminder: Mrs Osborne can see the estate where her husband's killer lives from her home, but says the family will not move out

Lawyers back jury's verdict

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

LEGAL VIEW

CRIMINAL barristers and solicitors yesterday defended the jury's verdict in the Elliott case, arguing that self-defence was an important safeguard which should not be diminished in law.

Anthony Edwards, secretary of the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association, said: "This was a jury decision. They heard the facts. No doubt they heard in detail the pathologist's evidence about the wounds and considered all the circumstances. I don't think the decision is perverse."

The defence of self-defence is regularly used in the courts in a range of offences. It is a complete defence, in that if it cannot be disproved, that is the end of the matter.

Richard Ferguson, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* that he had great sympathy with the widow. "But the law is the law and it gives one the right to defend onself and to use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances."

A drifter who took to drugs

JOSEPH Elliott celebrated with friends after being cleared of murder by an Old Bailey jury.

But the unemployed teenager was believed to be looking for a new home yesterday to escape anger from neighbours.

Mr Elliott said after the case: "The bloody court finally did something right. I was locked up for seven months for doing nothing. What a joke."

He had been found guilty in five previous court appearances in five years.

Mr Elliott was born in Manchester where he spent most of his childhood in Barnardo's homes after his parents abandoned him. He moved to London at 16 to live on his own but he was never able to find full-time work and drifted from place to place, spending his dole money on drink and drugs. Now aged 19, he has difficulty reading and writing.

In July 1988, he was arrested for the first time and given a conditional discharge at Reigate, Surrey, for taking away a car.

He moved to Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire where he was being helped by a social worker, but in April 1989 he set fire to the social worker's front porch and was made the subject of a three-year supervision order. He has since faced charges of theft, burglary, stealing cars and robbery.

In April last year, he was given a second two-year probation term at east London for burglary and theft. At about that time he became friends with Julian Mitchell, a former approved schoolboy, and moved in with the Mitchell family in a three-bedroom Streatham flat.

The mother, Debbie Mitchell, who had been adopted as a baby, welcomed him as a former Barnardo's boy and he took to calling her mum. He spent much of his time in the flat playing cards.

As he remained incommunicado yesterday, neighbours were drawing up a petition demanding that the family be moved out. Carol McConomy, 32, said the jury's verdict was a disgrace. "There is no way they should have let that low-life go free.

"He drinks a lot and then gets violent and people are frightened of him because he is a bully."

Jobless graduate found in wolf den

By Michael Hornsby

A 25-YEAR-OLD man who was depressed about his failure to find a job climbed into the wolves' den at London zoo earlier this month, police disclosed yesterday. It was the second breach of the zoo's security in just over six months.

The latest incident occurred just before midnight on Tuesday, July 6. The young man, whose name has not been released, was found lying in no man's land between the zoo's outer railing and an inner fence surrounding Wolf Wood, home to three grey wolves, in the southeast corner of the zoo in Regent's Park.

Insp Dick Graham, of Paddington Green police station, said: "The young man was lying on his back staring at the sky in pitch darkness. He had apparently used an overhanging tree to scale the zoo's 8ft outer fence of spiked railings.

"The wolves were prowling behind a second fence, made of chain-link and about 10ft high. The young man was in no immediate danger but if we had not arrived it is possible he might have tried to climb the second fence as well. It took us about 20 minutes to persuade him to climb back out of the area."

Flatmates of the young man alerted the police after they returned home to find a note from him saying he was depressed after being turned down for a job and that he was "going to see the wolves in the park".

Insp Graham said: "The young man had a degree in anthropology and was obviously intelligent. He said he was in a depressed state because every attempt he had made to get a job had been knocked back. I advised him to go and talk to his doctor. He has now gone back to Merseyside to stay with his parents."

On New Year's eve, Ben Silcock, a psychiatric patient, was badly mauled after climbing into the Asiatic lions' den at the zoo and trying to feed them two frozen turkeys. He spent seven weeks in hospital.

Fences around the lions' den were made higher as a result, but no extra precautions were taken elsewhere. Gina Dobson, the zoo's press officer, said: "The fencing is considered to be adequate. It is designed to keep animals in rather than people out."

Judge jails ex-sheriff for theft

By Robin Young

THE first Asian to be appointed Sheriff of Nottingham was jailed for a year yesterday after he admitted forgery and theft.

Shaukat Khan, 44, of Leiton, Nottingham, stole grants from city and county councils which had been intended to help Asian youngsters. He took more than £9,500, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

The former sheriff, who resigned his ceremonial and unpaid position in 1991 when police opened enquiries, was convicted by majority verdicts of seven charges of forgery and four of theft between February 1990 and October 1991.

Judge Durman directed the jury to return not guilty verdicts on one further charge of theft, three of handling stolen goods and one of obtaining property by deception.

He ordered Khan to pay £20,000 towards prosecution costs.

During Khan's seven-week trial, Julian Baughan QC, for the prosecution, said the former sheriff had stolen money intended for four Asian organisations. He forged a bank mandate on behalf of Nottingham Asian Arts Council and used it to steal £8,116. Signatures were forged to get cash from other Asian groups.

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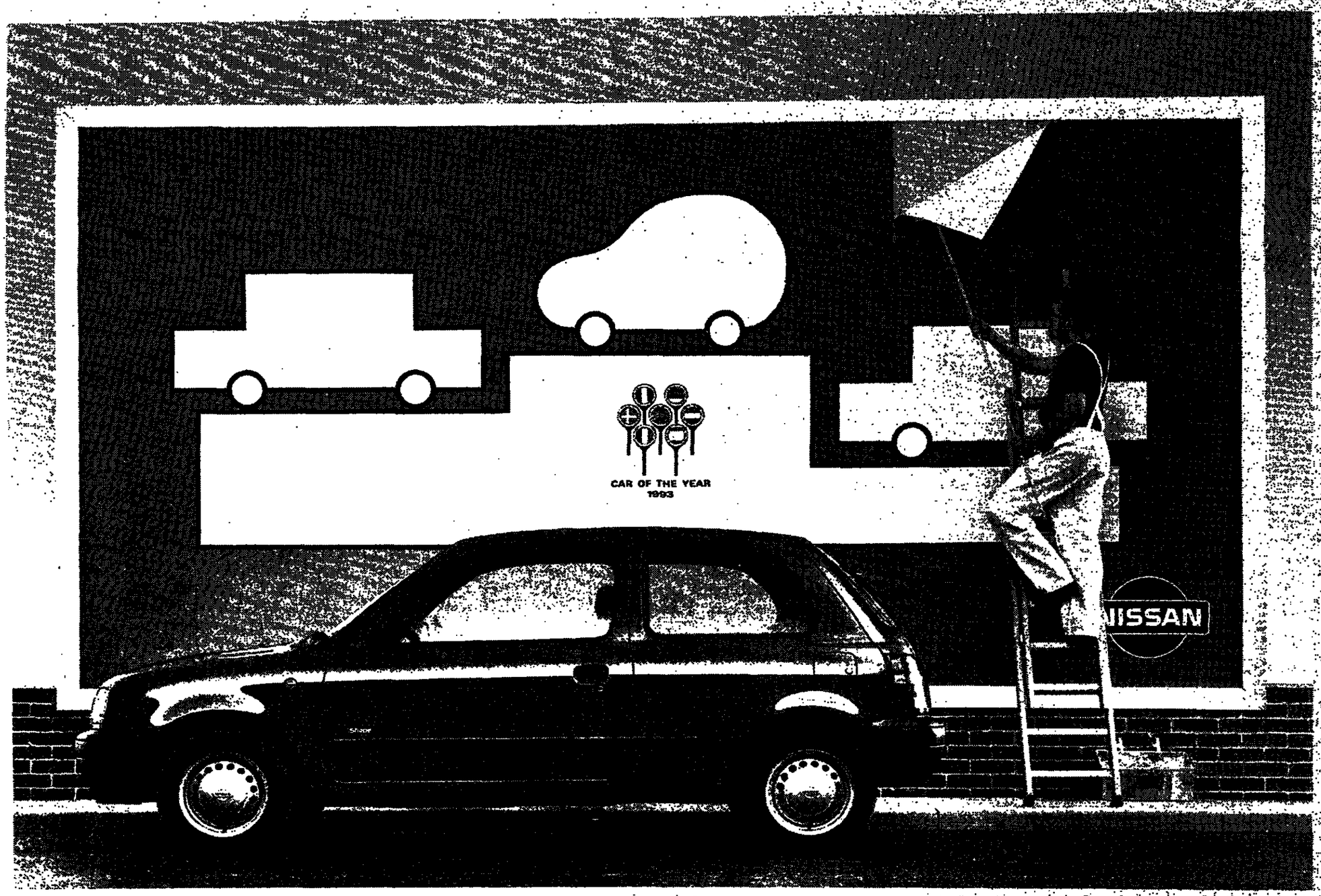

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Transplanted artery raises fears over spare part surgery

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SURGEONS have performed a transplant operation to save a man's hand, heralding a new era of "spare part" surgery but raising fears that the world of Dr Frankenstein has moved a step closer.

The operation, which involved transplanting an artery from a dead donor into the patient's arm, increases the prospect of other diseased or damaged body parts being replaced from corpses. Fingers, hands and ears could be transplantable as well as blood vessels, nerves and joints.

Surgeons are also considering transplanting a whole human face for burns victims who have been disfigured in accidents or in war.

The advance brings hope for patients who have lost limbs. Up to now, transplants have been limited to organs such as the heart or kidneys, but new surgical techniques and drugs to overcome problems of rejection by the recipient body have opened up the possibility of using other body parts in transplant surgery.

The development will raise difficult ethical and aesthetic issues where transplants involve external parts of the body that are visible, such as the hand. Kidneys, hearts and livers are anonymous and invisible but a hand is imbued with qualities specific to its owner. The transplant of these parts may not be accepted as easily as internal organs are now, and doctors may meet psychological, as well as immunological rejection.

The patient, a man in his 30s, was operated on two weeks ago by Simon Kay, a consultant plastic surgeon at St James's University hospital, Leeds, who specialises in microsurgery.

The patient, who is suffering from severe arterial disease, had lost the use of his right hand because of the restricted blood flow in his arm. It was not possible to transplant an artery from another part of his body or to use an artificial artery, and he faced amputation of the arm.

The operation is believed to be only the second of its kind to be performed in the world. Earlier this year, surgeons in Canada transplanted nerves from a donor into a child with a severely injured leg, which saved it from amputation.

Mr Kay said that, if the artery transplant was successful, it would lead to more complex transplants of joints and muscles. "If you have got a good hand but a damaged forearm you can transplant the clockwork that drives the hand and cover it with the patient's own skin."

Although a severed hand can be sewn back, transplanting one from a donor creates problems of rejection, but new immunosuppressant drugs are being developed to overcome that.

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High Court judge rejects pupil's plea to save boys-only school

PETER TREVNOR

Class war: Stephen Kingsbury, 14, with his father Alan. They may appeal against the closure of his school

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A GRAMMAR school pupil yesterday failed in a High Court action to stop the closure of his boys-only school.

Stephen Kingsbury, 14, argued that closing 400-year-old Kettering Boys' School, where H. E. Bates was a pupil, would unlawfully deprive him of single-sex schooling. Girls in the area will not be forced into co-education because their school has survived by opting out.

Mr Justice Hutchison refused to quash by Northamptonshire County Council's order to close the boys' school or its approval by John Patten, the education secretary. He is to give a full account of his reasons later.

The judge said it was "virtually admitted" that the education authority was in breach of its obligations under the Sex Discrimination Act and the 1944 Education Act. But he told Khawar Qureshi, counsel for Stephen: "Even if you are right, this court does not grant relief which is going to be disruptive and futile."

Only 50 pupils and three teachers remain at the school, which has space for 871 boys. It is due to close in ten days.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Executives on treks warned

A coroner warned middle-aged businessmen yesterday that they should ensure they were fit before taking part in outdoor training courses.

Geoffrey Ledgard, 46, a sales executive with Citroen UK from Much Wenlock, Shropshire, died while hiking over the Brecon Beacons, Powys, during a management team-building exercise.

John Hollis, the Powys coroner, recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Teacher guilty

David Birch, 44, a teacher from Stratford, Warwickshire, was sentenced to 200 hours' community service by Birmingham Crown Court for indecently assaulting six girls aged 8 and 9.

Call-in libel

The High Court ordered Swansea Sound Radio to pay undisclosed damages and costs to Insp Jeffrey Weston of Gorseinon, West Glamorgan, after a phone-in caller accused him of corruption.

Job suicide

Lee Mansell, 17, of Seacroft, West Yorkshire, hanged himself because he could not find a job, a Leeds inquest heard.

Pub death

The landlord of a Nottingham pub, Keith Dyer, 44, was electrocuted as he tried to repair a broken washing machine.

Tent rape

Two men raped a teenage girl camper in her tent at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Pensioner must spend DSS grant

BY JOHN YOUNG

A DISABLED pensioner aged 80, who has received more than £10,000 in a social security back payment, has been told that he must spend two thirds of it within the next year. If he decides to keep it to pay for his future needs, his savings will exceed the limit at which he is eligible for future benefits.

The man, who has asked not to be named, suffers from arthritis and angina, and lives in a one-bedroom flat in Forest Hill, south London. He was awarded the money after a five-year fight to establish that he was eligible for a £44.90 weekly attendance allowance.

But DSS rules stipulate that a person with more than £8,000 in savings does not qualify for income support. Those with £3,000 to £8,000 have their benefits cut.

The man's condition is deteriorating, and he and his wife, aged 75, are concerned that if they spend the money now they will not have enough to afford the extra care he is likely to need in the future.

His original application for the attendance allowance was rejected, despite a letter from his doctor supporting the claim. The decision was confirmed on review, and it was only after two appeals that the department eventually agreed to pay £10,398.

Shirley Spong, Lewisham council's head of welfare rights, said the couple had been placed in a ridiculous position and that the rules added to their worries.

The DSS said yesterday that the possession of capital affected a person's entitlement to benefit. "The situation is not as bad as it looks," a spokesman said.

Huntsmen cleared of cruelty to horse

BY ALAN HAMILTON

TWO huntsmen fined for cruelly terrifying a horse had their convictions overturned yesterday after the intervention of a former Olympic equestrian champion.

Richard Meade, a triple gold medallist in three-day eventing and now president of the International Equestrian Federation, told Aylesbury Crown Court, Buckinghamshire, that the two men had acted correctly in whipping Max, a seven-year-old gelding, after it became trapped on a five-bar gate during a hunt meet in January last year.

In a case brought by the RSPCA, Alan Hill, 32, joint master of the Vale of Aylesbury hunt, and Gordon Middleton, 43, a hunt member, had each been given a one-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £750 prosecution costs by magistrates at Amersham. The two men had been found guilty of allowing the horse to be cruelly terrified, but had been cleared of a charge of cruelly ill-treating it.

Richard Price, for the RSPCA, told yesterday's appeal hearing that Max had become stuck on a gate after a jump had gone wrong. Mr Middleton had then whipped the horse up to 16 times in nine minutes while Mr Hill held its reins. Mr Middleton claimed that he had cracked his whip about six times behind the animal and had hit it on the fetlocks only a few times to encourage it to move.

Meade: called as an expert witness

Mr Meade said the horse had been trained to respond to the whip and would not have been frightened of it. He said: "I would try to make the horse move with the use of the whip and my voice. I might even hit the horse. You have to do enough to make the horse try."

Judge Slack said that his decision to overturn the men's convictions should not be regarded as a licence for cruel or unnecessary chastisement of an animal, nor should it be regarded as a decision either for or against blood sports. He said the RSPCA "really must get their act together if they are to secure convictions".

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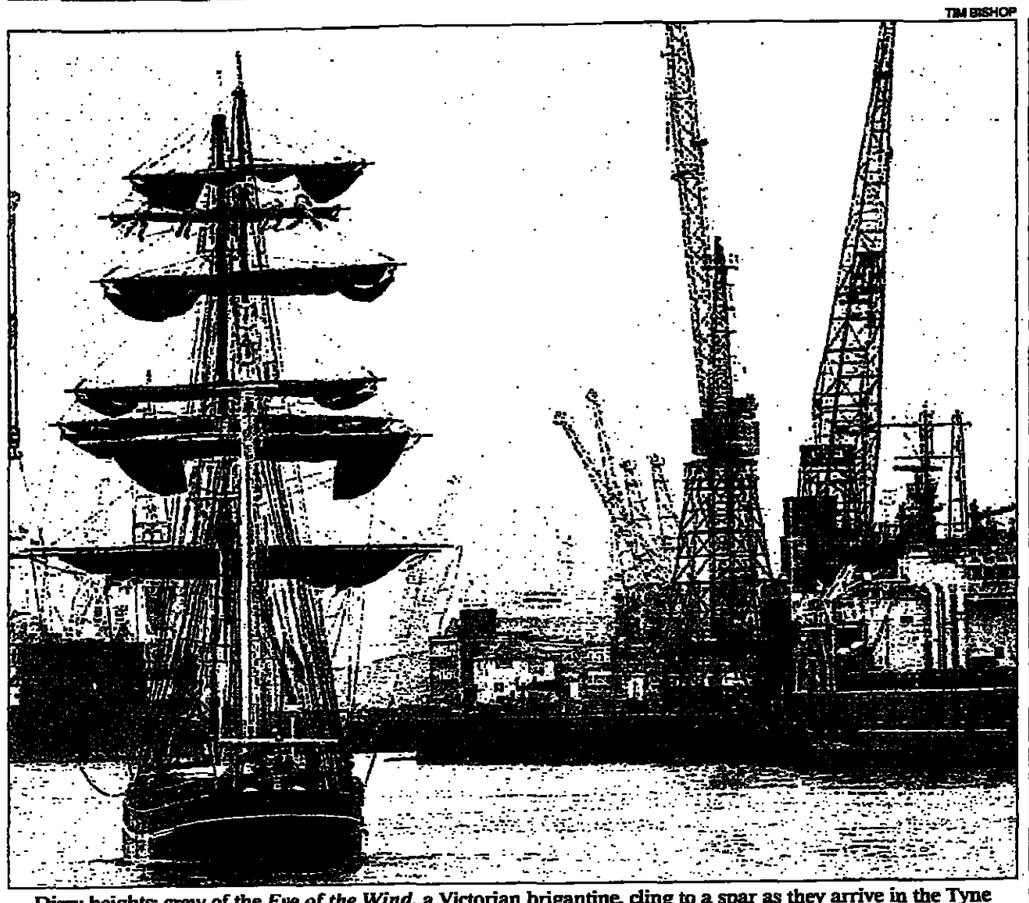


Dizzy heights: crew of the *Eye of the Wind*, a Victorian brigantine, cling to a spar as they arrive in the Tyne early yesterday, one of more than 120 vessels expected for the annual tall ships race, which begins on Saturday

Rutland cries freedom in war of independence

By Joe Joseph

RUTLAND, the most lamented of the old English counties lost in the Heathite reorganisation of local government almost 20 years ago, may soon be reborn. So confident is the former county that it will shortly win its battle to break free of Leicestershire's shackles and reclaim its bite-sized position as England's smallest county that today it launches the Rutland Tourism Association.

The association is a self-financed and not-so-gentle nudge to the bureaucrats from the Local Government Commission. It will trumpet the rural glamour of an area which boasts not only Asil Nadir's former country estate, and Ruddles beer, but also the charm of 150 square miles which has only one traffic light, one proper roundabout and one traffic warden.

Rutland has until the end of next week to deliver its proposals to the commission on its plans to regain self-rule. Commissioners are in the area, prowling back streets and hedgerows. Rutlanders are convinced they can show they have the community spirit to become an independent county again and can run their affairs cost-effectively.

Sign here: a message alongside the A1

"Rutlanders don't feel they're part of Leicestershire, even though they've been joined up with Leicestershire for 20 years," says Sarah Linden, one of the team behind the new association. "Rutland was Rutland for 800 years before that."

Rutland expects to get the nod from the commission in November to restore county borders erased in 1974. Depending on your *drinking* capacity, on that November night Rutland will either be a magnet or somewhere to avoid.

"Ruddles is planning another Victory Ale," says Jo Harrop, policy officer of Rutland District Council and spokeswoman for its 33,400 residents.

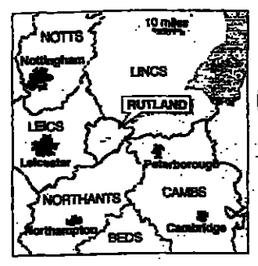
"When they brewed the first one in 1948, when *Rutland* avoided being merged with Leicestershire, the population was knocked out for six months. In 1962, when we fought and won against being split between *Lincolnshire and* Leicestershire, one glass of the Victory Ale made you legless. God knows what they'll bring out this time."

Just how much Rutland needs to put itself on the map is underlined by a call to the British Tourist Authority in London. "Can you tell me where exactly Rutland is?" asks a BTA lady when you call to seek directions to the place.

"Our motto," explains Ms Linden, "is '*multum in parvo*', which means 'so much, in so little', which I think is very apt." Among Rutland's more unusual highlights are a rare turf maze, believed to be more than 2,000 years old, in the village of Wing, a section in the Rutland Water Museum called "The Story of Sewage", and a local MP who was in the House of Commons for 40 years at the turn of the century without making a maiden speech (the good old days).

Tourism is the biggest single earner in Rutland and, like other rural communities, the locals are anxious to create enough employment to keep young people in the region.

So, Ms Linden, where can tourists find Rutland's 'hot spot on a Saturday night? "Er, I don't think there *is* a hot place on Saturday night in Rutland."



Girl of 10 'raped in care home'

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

POLICE are investigating the alleged rape of a ten-year-old girl in a children's home by a teenager also in local authority care.

Strathclyde police said yesterday that a 15-year-old boy in the care of the Strathclyde social work department was the subject of a report to the procurator fiscal. The incident was alleged to have taken place in a children's home in Ayrshire last week.

The girl had been placed in the home after being sexually abused by her father, who is currently serving a five-year jail sentence. A spokesman for Strathclyde social services confirmed that an incident was reported early last week by staff in one of the department's homes.

The girl is receiving counselling and medical treatment. Her mother, who has three other children and who is now divorced from the girl's father, said that she was "devastated and angry.

"When I first saw her after this happened she flung her arms around me. I've tried to get her back home but I can't seem to do anything right".

Peter Lockhart, the mother's lawyer, said: "I am calling for a full enquiry and an explanation of why this was able to happen in a place of safety."

Court backs widow over headstone

A WIDOW who went to court over the state of her husband's grave has won the right to replace his headstone.

After visiting the grave of George Tate, a judge ruled that Alice Tate, 85, should be allowed to put up a more durable memorial. Mrs Tate had complained that the sandstone headstone was becoming worn and that it attracted green algae, which she said she was too frail to continue scrubbing.

Officials at St Martin's Church in Kirklevington, Cleveland, insisted that all headstones must be made of York sandstone to harmonise with the building, which dates back to 1150.

When other parishioners sided with Mrs Tate, the vicar, the Rev David Moore, decided a definitive ruling was needed. Judge Coningsby, Chancellor of the Diocese of York, was called in and held a consistory court. After touring the graveyard, he ruled that granite headstones would be allowed, but only if they were light grey and unpolished.

Afterwards Mrs Tate, whose husband was a church warden at St Martin's for 43 years, was jubilant. "I think common sense has won through. I never wanted a sandstone headstone. I was ashamed to take anyone to my husband's grave."

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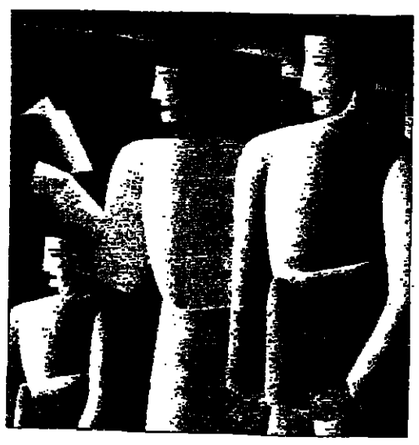

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Blackpool and Southport likely to fail sewage tests again in 1994

Unclean: university researchers found an abnormally high level of illness among children who went swimming in the sea at Blackpool

Tourist beaches break EC rules on water purity

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

THE three beaches at Blackpool and the bathing coastline at Southport, Merseyside, fall short of EC cleanliness standards, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruled yesterday.

The court, which based its rulings on water samples from the 1992 bathing season, ruled that the beach at Formby, 11 miles north of Liverpool, did not breach the EC's bathing water directive.

Yesterday it emerged that the beaches could again be subject to legal rulings next year. A spokeswoman for the National Rivers Authority, which monitors the cleanliness of beaches on behalf of the environment department, said: "These beaches have had a pretty persistent failure so far during this year's bathing season."

The court's ruling carries no financial penalties although the government will be required to pay costs. The judgment was immediately criticised by ministers, council leaders and municipal tourist directors. Tim Yeo, the environment minister, said the rulings were irrelevant as a £150 million sewage treatment works was almost ready to begin operations at Fleetwood, eight miles north of Blackpool, and another £75 million plant was being built at Southport. These would bring the beaches into line with EC standards by 1996 at the latest.

Louise Ellman, leader of Lancashire County Council, blamed the ruling on the government. "When we campaigned during the 1980s for a waste water treatment plant for Blackpool and the Fylde coast beaches, the government insisted there was no problem," she said.

An environment department spokeswoman said a new sewage works for Blackpool was delayed for three years because residents objected to planning applications. The government, which should have complied with the EC's bathing water directive by 1986, had also taken the view that Blackpool's beaches were not places for bathing and did not need to comply.

Yesterday's court ruling was based on at least 20 samples taken during 1992 by the rivers authority.

The EC's minimum standards require 20 per cent of samples taken during the bathing season, between May and September, to contain less than 10,000 coliforms per 100 millilitres (ml) of water and less than 2,000 faecal coliforms per 100 ml.

Coliforms are bacteria typically found in the gut which are a good indicator of human sewage contamination. For a beach to win the Blue Flag award for cleanliness samples must contain less than 500 coliforms and 100 faecal coliforms per 100 ml of seawater.

A study published in 1990 by environmental epidemiologists at Lancaster University found a higher than normal incidence of illness among children bathing at Blackpool.

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'People don't come to Blackpool to swim'

By Ronald Faux

THE beach at Blackpool was almost deserted yesterday, cleared not by any threat from sewage but by the British weather. Beyond the stacks of unused deckchairs and forlorn looking donkeys, a drizzle hung over the sands, hiding the top of the tower.

The few folk prepared to venture on to the seashore cared little that the waters stretching to the horizon failed to match European standards. As John Jones, from Withington, Manchester, paddled carefully along the water's edge with his five-year-old son, he insisted that young Lee keep his shoes on, not as a guard against impurities but for fear he might tread on broken glass. "When the tide goes out you can see all kinds of things washed up against the sea wall. A lot of it looks obnoxious but it's hard to tell if any of it started life in a toilet," he said. Another couple were happy about their 2½-year-old daughter paddling but said they would have second thoughts about her swimming.

"People who come to Blackpool don't come here to swim," Michael Welsh, the town's Euro MP, said. He thought no one would be surprised by the European court's judgment. Everyone knew that Blackpool did not reach the EC standard but many people believed the standard itself was pretty silly. "Blackpool remains the finest holiday resort in England," he declared.

John Hall, deputy tourism director, said that the new water treatment works would make the quality of the sea off Blackpool second to none. But there was absolutely nothing anyone could do to speed up that development.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

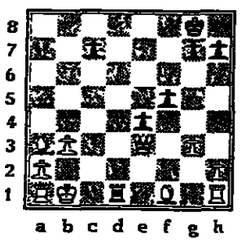
TODAY'S classic game from the archives of the grandmasters shows the perils of snatching the opposing b-pawn with one's queen. That is nearly always a bad idea and the sacrificial punishment meted out by Mieses against Nimzowitsch is horrendous.

White: Aron Nimzowitsch
Black: Jacques Mieses
Gothenburg 1920

English Opening

1	c4	f5
2	b3	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bb2	d5
5	cxd5	Nxd5
6	g3	Nxc3
7	Qc3	Bd6
8	Bg2	Nc6
9	Qc5	Qe7
10	e4	Be6
11	Qc2	0-0
12	Qb5?	Bd7
13	Qa6	Rab8
14	Nf3	Nb4
15	a3?	Bxb4+
16	Nd2	Bb6
17	Qxa7	Bxd2+
18	Kxd2	Qd6+
19	Kc2	Bd3+

Diagram of final position



20	Kc3	Rb6	10	Bh3	Nf6
21	Qa5	Qd4+	11	e5	Nd7
22	Kd2	Qxf2+	12	Rg1	Kh8
23	Kxd3	Rd8+	13	Ng3	b5
24	Qd5+	Rxd5+	14	Nh5	Rg8
25	exd5	e4+	15	Ng5	Bxg5
26	Kc3	Qe3+	16	Bxg5	Qe8
27	Kc2	Qd3+	17	0-0-0	Nxa2+
28	Kc1	Rb6	18	Kb1	Nb4
29	Ba3	Rxa5	19	Nxg7	Rxg7
30	Bf1	Qa3+	20	Bf6	Nxf6
31	Kc2	Rc2+	21	Rxg7	Kxg7
32	Kb1	Rd1+	22	Rg1+	Ng4

White resigns

The Times Schools Championship

Today's set of results from *The Times* Schools Championship gives the score of the third place play off in the matches played over July 1 and 2 at the Charing Cross Hotel, London.

Royal Grammar, Newcastle		Manchester Grammar
Simon Florence	1-0	Jonathan Epstein
Mark Davey	0-1	Edward Goodall
Edward Dodds	½-½	David Tompson
Yanni Yannoulis	0-1	Ben Lewis
Richard Miller	½-½	Andrew Lewis
Kulsoom Bhatia	0-1	Steven Cohen

Manchester Grammar won by the score of 3-1

I awarded the best game prize to the following win by Simon Florence in recognition of his daring sacrificial attack against the black king.

White: Simon Florence
Black: Jonathan Epstein
Times Schools Championship, third place play-off 1993

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	Qe2	Be7
3	d3	d5
4	Nd2	Nf6
5	Ngf3	c5
6	g3	Nc6
7	Bg2	Nb4
8	Nf1	0-0
9	g4	Nxg4
10	Bh3	Nf6
11	e5	Nd7
12	Rg1	Kh8
13	Ng3	b5
14	Nh5	Rg8
15	Ng5	Bxg5
16	Bxg5	Qe8
17	0-0-0	Nxa2+
18	Kb1	Nb4
19	Nxg7	Rxg7
20	Bf6	Nxf6
21	Rxg7	Kxg7
22	Rg1+	Ng4
23	Qxg4+	Kf8
24	Qg7+	Ke7
25	Qf6+	Kf8
26	Rg7	Qe7
27	Rg8+	Kxg8
28	Qxe7	a5
29	Bg4	Ba6
30	h4	c4
31	d4	Nc6
32	Qg5+	Kf8
33	Qf4	Ke7
34	Qf6+	Ke8
35	Qh8+	Black resigns

Championship update

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Tory right launches fight to prevent tax increases

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR right-wing Tory MPs told Kenneth Clarke last night that he must cut public spending by around £10 billion over two years or face the prospect of an open revolt.

Amid mounting backbench anxiety that the Chancellor will tackle the £50 billion budget deficit this autumn through tax increases, a deputation of leading right-wingers met Mr Clarke to urge a change of course.

The MPs, led by Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 100-strong 92 group, presented the Chancellor with a shopping list of prospective cuts which they said would wipe out the need for tax increases in addition to the £17 billion of measures announced by Norman Lamont in the Budget. The meeting came against the background of growing dismay among right-wingers at the government's attitude towards reducing the £254 billion control total for next year.

It is understood that, after a series of private meetings with ministers, leading right-wingers have become so sceptical of the government's readiness to take unpopular steps to tackle spending that they have decided to mount a public campaign. One leading backbencher said they were following Margaret Thatcher's example and seeking to appeal over the heads of the government and party to the public in highlighting the waste and inefficiency in the public sector.

As Sir George, who has angered government loyalists with his policy criticisms of recent months, led his colleagues into the meeting with Mr Clarke, he broke with the routine confidentiality surrounding such meetings by issuing a press statement. It said: "Strenuous efforts must be made to close the £50 billion budget deficit, but not through increases in direct taxation. 92 Group members were unanimous that this would betray all the party stood for.

"Vigorous cuts in public spending must take priority over any extension of indirect taxation beyond the measures already initiated by Mr Lamont. Though ministers regard next year's spending target as 'tight', we do not accept the need for an increase of 4.05 per cent in cash terms. The government should embark on a further review of its spending commitments."

The statement, amounting to a right-wing declaration of war over the spending round, which will come to a head in the autumn Budget, was backed up by John Townend, chairman of the backbench Tory finance group and a member of the 92 Group's inner circle. He said: "I feel there is a lack of will on the part of ministers to grasp the nettle to really cut public spending ...

"All the emphasis is on taxation ... Ministers say that you cannot cut this because you only need 12 people to vote against it and we will not get it through. But if you put up taxes it is not 12 people who are against you, it will be hundreds."

Items on the right-wing shopping list include:

☐ A 5 per cent cut in the public sector workforce (excluding doctors, nurses and teachers), saving £2.5 billion.

☐ Saving £500 million on the £2.3 billion overseas aid budget.

☐ A £2 billion cut in the £62 billion of Whitehall grants to town halls.

☐ A £1 billion saving in the defence budget by bringing home British troops in Germany, cutting the 900 senior posts at the defence ministry headquarters, and eliminating over-spending on aborted equipment projects.

☐ A £1 billion social security saving from cracking down on invalidity benefit, sick pay and single parents' payments.

☐ A £500 million-a-year saving by reducing public spending in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to the same per capita level as in England.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. Welsh language bill, remaining stages.
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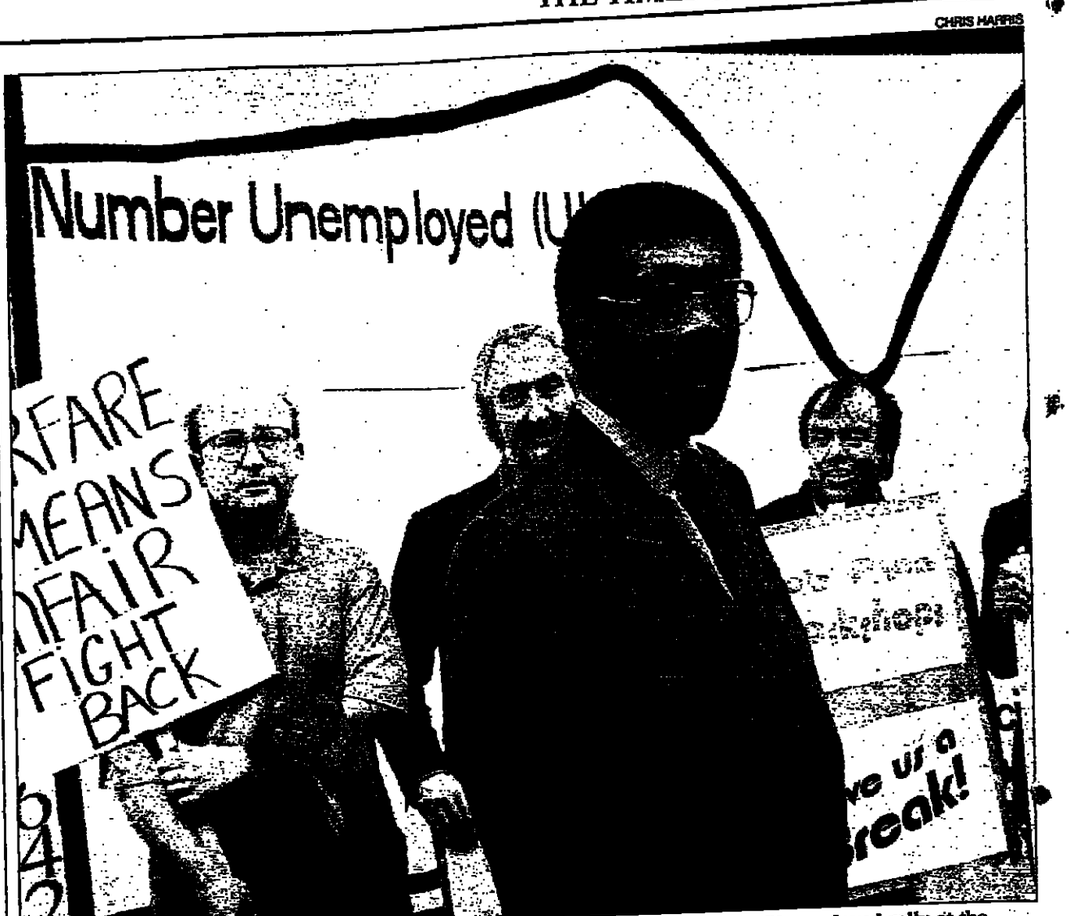

Jobs on the line: Bill Morris, the TGWU leader, joins a TUC Centres for the Unemployed rally at the employment department in London yesterday to call for improved work and training measures

White paper to end Whitehall secrecy

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

AN independent authority with the power to force Whitehall to give up its secrets will be the centrepiece of the government's long-awaited open government white paper, published today.

The new authority, which is expected to be an "openness ombudsman", will be charged with rolling back Whitehall's obsessive culture of secrecy, which for decades has sought to draw a cloak over as much official information as possible.

As a measure of good faith, publication of the white paper has been timed to coincide with the release of secret documents on the activities of British secret agents, from the French revolution until the beginnings of the modern intelligence service in 1909.

Some 20 boxes of documents dating from 1791, containing details of how the forerunners of the intelligence services MI5 and MI6 were created, financed and operated, will be released at the Public Record Office at Kew, southwest London.

The white paper, details of which will be published in *The Times* tomorrow, was drawn up by William Waldegrave, the public service minister. It outlines plans to make more information available on the background to Whitehall decisions, from funding the health service to transport and the environment. Civil servants' advice to ministers will remain confidential.

Requests for information will be enforced by the new authority. "Whitehall departments will not know what's hit them. They will not be able to wriggle out of the government's commitment to openness," one official said.

The openness white paper is the government's response to growing calls from the Campaign for Freedom of Information, which is supported by civil rights and consumer organisations, for a statutory "right to know" bill similar to the freedom of information acts already introduced in America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Waldegrave insists that a statutory approach to freedom of information would be expensive, cumbersome, and legalistic.

Maurice Frankel, director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, said that only a freedom of information act would prevent governments from using secrecy to "protect decision makers from challenge, to defend policies from criticism, and to conceal that mistakes have been made."

A look on bright side for Major

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday sought to make Britain a country people want to visit rather than leave behind.

Earlier this year an opinion poll, taken after yet another Test match humiliation in India, suggested that most people would sooner emigrate than brave the winter and the rigours of the recession. Yesterday, in a speech to the British Hospitality Association in London, the prime minister groped for a new turning point.

Not for the first time, he administered a mild rebuke to the doom-mongers, though his target was not critics of his economic policy but those who moan about the weather. "Self-deprecating jokes about our climate and the services we offer may have a becoming ring of modesty," Mr Major said, "but it does nothing for British industry."

After urging his audience to look on the bright side, the prime minister struck another familiar theme by waxing lyrical about the country's man-made and natural beauties, not forgetting the "unrivalled" reputation of its live theatre, but understandably rather glossing over its sporting prowess.

No speech by Mr Major is complete without a dig at the press, and this was no exception. Many historic inns and hotels "retain their ancient charms, though the best have wisely added the advantage of modern plumbing, good food and, although I am myself not so sure of this advantage, early morning newspapers".

Visits from overseas were up 6 per cent in the first four months of this year and spending 13 per cent higher.

Sir Sigmund: denied conflict over policies

Party loses veteran benefactor

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party has lost one of its most generous benefactors with the resignation of Sir Sigmund Sternberg, a leading member of the British Jewish community. Sir Sigmund, 72, resigned yesterday after 40 years of active membership to spend more time on his inter-faith work.

Sir Sigmund denied that he was resigning over because of any conflict. He paid tribute to John Smith and supported the Labour leader's trade union reforms. However, in a letter in *The Times*, published today, he says that he may offer "constructive criticism of the conduct of the affairs in the Labour party".

He admitted that he would no longer be making any financial contributions to the party, although Labour officials refused to give details about how much they would lose.

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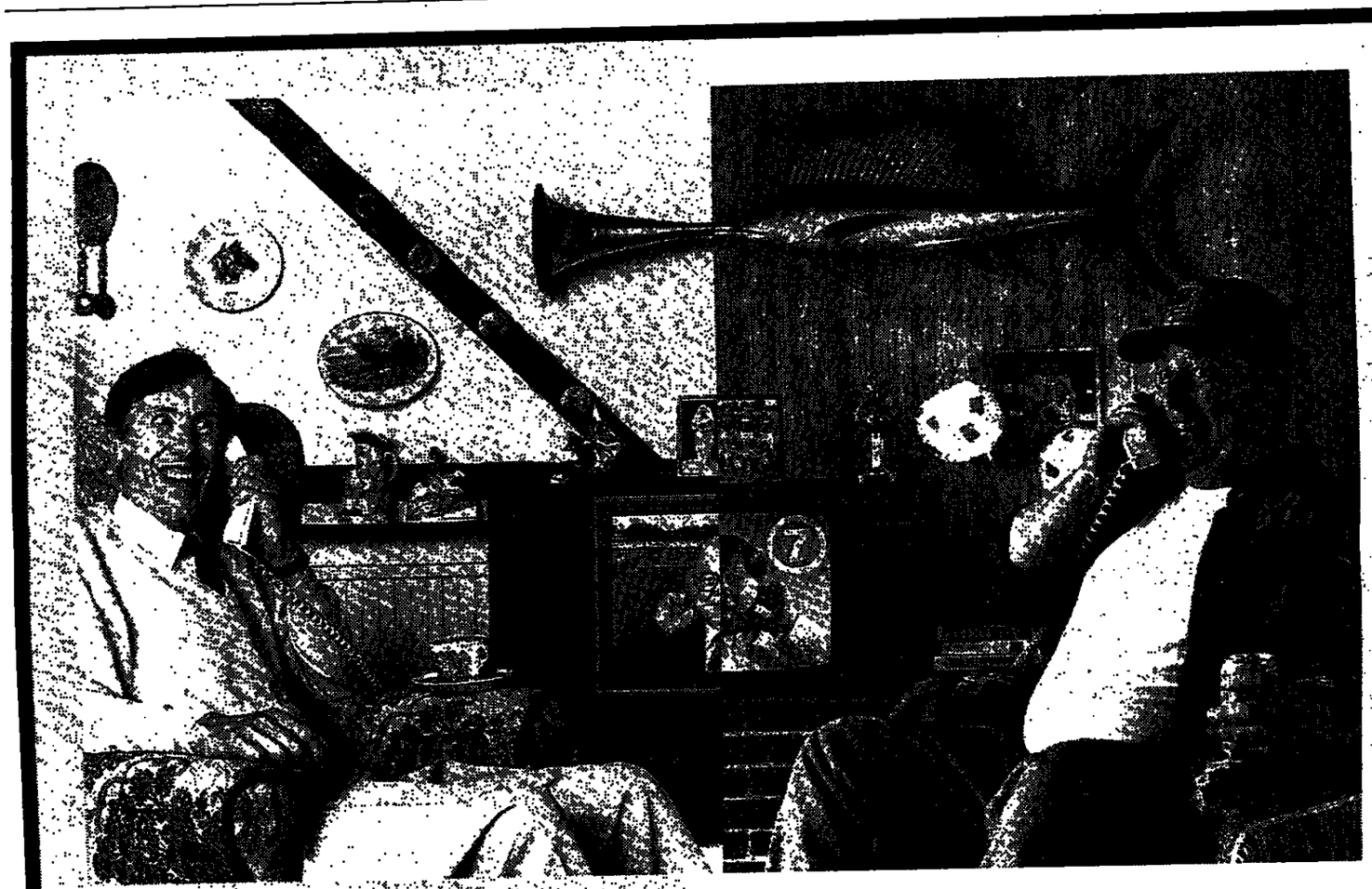

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"It would be alright for Miss Seagrove to slip into one of her handbags, but it's not what *I* call a camera", *I* said loudly.

With that, *I* was ready to get off to the launch party for my latest effort to save the nation's film industry, entitled 'Dirty Weekend'.

"But Michael..." whimpered the Olympus chaps, desperate to mollify me.

"Mr Winner..." *I* corrected, with a wag of the Winner finger.

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"Er, £240."

"I'm not paying that", *I* told them. "It's not nearly enough."

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Referendum debate: peers warn of backlash if Commons decision is overturned

Former ministers line up against Thatcher demand

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ROBERT MORGAN

SEVERAL former Conservative ministers lined up in the Lords last night against Baroness Thatcher's demand for a referendum before the Maastricht treaty is ratified.

Lords Lawson and Howe, both Chancellors in Lady Thatcher's cabinets, came out against the proposal, as did Viscount Whitelaw, her former deputy. Several peers argued that the treaty was not as far-reaching as the Single European Act of 1986, which Lady Thatcher had forced through the Commons under a guillotine.

Lady Thatcher, who was among the first to demand a referendum on the treaty, said: "We have surrendered too many powers already. We should surrender no more unless the people wish. It is the people's turn to speak. It is their powers of which we are the custodians."

Lord Blake, the historian and president of the Campaign for a British Referendum, dismissed assertions that the Lords had no constitutional right to change a bill that had already passed through an elected chamber. Moving the referendum amendment in a chamber packed to overflowing, he said that, although referendums were not regular features of the constitution, they were not unconstitutional.

He tried to assure wavering peers that a vote for a referendum would not jeopardise the government. "It is being put about assiduously that, if a referendum amendment was passed, and if the government allowed a referendum to take place, and if the referendum went against Maastricht, then the government would be obliged to resign. That, I think, is total rubbish."

Lord Wakeham, the Leader of the Lords, insisted that, as a parliamentary democracy, Britain conferred power on the two Houses. "MPs are elected to represent the public and to take decisions on their behalf. We also have a role to play."

He rejected the argument that the public had not had an opportunity to debate the issues of Maastricht, claiming that the government's proposals were spelt out well before the general election.

Lord Wakeham questioned the reality of the Commons changing its mind on a referendum, having already rejected such a call by a majority of 239. He warned peers that it would do "the greatest possible damage" to Britain's reputation if there were to be further delay in ratification.

Lord Richard, leader of the Labour peers, said that those who now advocated a referendum, but had not done so at the time of the Single European Act, should explain their change of mind.

There were three arguments against a referendum: it was too late; it was constitutionally unwise; and it would be an extraordinarily devisive and confusing process, he said. It would keep the issue alive for perhaps another nine months. He gave a warning of "friction of a high order" if peers who were not regular attenders overturned a decision of the elected House.

Lord Whitelaw warned peers that if they overruled the Commons "there would be a damaging controversy between the two Houses and further delay which would do much harm to our nation".

Cutting the ties: Lords Whitelaw, left, and Howe oppose the Thatcher line in the House of Lords

Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker of the Commons, George Thomas, speaking from the cross-benches in support of Lord Blake, quoted *The Times* as saying that this was the greatest constitutional upheaval since the Act of Union. He said that at the time of the election, the treaty had not been published and a distinguished member of the government admitted he had not even read it.

He insisted that peers had every right to say: "Think again before you take irrevocable action which will bind future generations."

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers, said that referendums were alien to the British constitution. Although there had been one in 1975, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, then prime minister, had been criticised for his weakness.

The call for a referendum was a tactical ploy by those who had failed to stop the bill. "Another year's delay would be fatal to Britain's influence in Europe."

Lord Lawson, making his maiden speech, opposed a referendum. He said that the treaty was of no greater constitutional importance than the Single European Act, the preamble to which brought back to life monetary union. But if this or any other government "was so unwise as to conclude that this country should participate in a European monetary union", that would be a time for a referendum.

Lord Howe sitting only two seats away from Lady Thatcher, said that the 1975 referendum had been a formidable erosion of parliamentary sovereignty. Those opposing Maastricht were trying to re-run the argument they lost in 1975.

Lord Rawlinson of Ewel, a former Attorney-general in sir Edward Heath's government, attacked Lady Thatcher for waging a "sustained attack" on the government. "Let us not be duped or used by those who are engaged in a political vendetta to destroy the government and the prime minister."

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Whip's skill is put to the test

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the Maastricht bill first landed in the upper House, Lord Hesketh said that his job as the government's Chief Whip would be on the line if the legislation became badly mangled.

He has 455 Conservative peers on his "whip", many of them rarely seen. Around 85 signed up to the pro-referendum amendment in the past two weeks.

Like Lord "Bertie" Denham, now dubbed chief whip emeritus, he relies on his instinct of what his peers will and will not "take". He has judged that he has the strength to see off the referendum lobby. "What I am being paid for is a "feel". And if I get it wrong the P45 floats through the window," he said. "I am going to earn my salary this summer."

Contrary to folklore, he has not resorted to bullying his recalcitrant backbenchers. In any case, it is hard to imagine the likes of Baroness Thatcher, Lord McAlpine or Lord Tebbit succumbing to a lecture on loyalty from the former playboy "Bunter" Hesketh.

His well-stocked fridge, especially his lethal vodka and clam juice cocktail, has turned many a potential rebel. But he has a range of more subtle weapons. Although jealous of their right to make the Commons think again, there is an instinctive sensitivity about their role among some hereditary peers.

Lord Hesketh also relies on the rival Tory camp overplaying its hand. "If a group tries to take charge, the House instinctively bites back," he said.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch, a Scottish businessman ennobled by Lady Thatcher, has been in charge of the day-to-day operation of the anti-Maastricht campaign in the Lords, supported by Lord Tebbit and Lord Blake. A few peers divulged yesterday that they had promised to vote with them simply to stop further pestering.

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Weakness is the Lords' strength

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The House of Lords survives because it is weak and is largely ignored. If the Lords was strong and often attracted publicity, its future would be in doubt. That is why yesterday's events were so damaging to the Lords.

This is nothing to do with the merits of holding a referendum on the Maastricht treaty or the rights of the Lords in challenging a clearcut decision of the Commons. And the debate itself was of a high standard with Baroness Thatcher at her most forceful. The absurdity was the appearance for the day, on both sides of the issue, of hereditary peers who seldom attend the House.

None of the main parties defends the present composition of the Lords. Labour and the Liberal Democrats have proposed reform, and a Tory party committee under Lord Home in 1978 argued that maintenance of the status quo was not a prudent policy and laid out two options: a wholly elected second chamber or one based on a combination of election and nomination.

But nothing has happened. Lady Thatcher soon lost interest even though she was often irritated with the Lords when it amended her legislation. Rumblings of discontent can still be heard among some ministers though, in general, the view is "if it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Reform is being discussed again less because of what the Lords have been doing than because of the revival of a broader constitutional debate. That is the background both for this morning's report, *Reforming the Lords*, from the Institute for Public Policy Research, the left-of-centre policy group, and for next week's proposals from the Liberal Democrats. Both urge the replacement of the Lords by a senate, elected by proportional representation from regions for fixed terms, with one-third retiring every two or three years.

The details differ, but the intention is the same, to create a strengthened second chamber with more legitimacy to share the legislative burden and scrutiny of government.

The main obstacle to this, as to previous reform attempts, lies not in the Lords but in the Commons. If the Lords becomes more publicly acceptable, it might have greater political authority and therefore be in a stronger position to challenge the Commons. As the institute's comprehensive and balanced report points out, "the real problem in reforming the House of Lords is to find a replacement acceptable to the House of Commons: Its obstruction of reform in 1968 was a reassertion of its claim to be the sole repository of parliamentary democracy. Backbenchers on both sides (ranging from Enoch Powell to Michael Foot) saw a threat to the House of Commons."

The report addresses this difficulty by emphasising the asymmetry between the two. The senate would have a defined role in constitutional and human rights matters. Governments would continue to depend on a majority in the Commons.

Differing times of elections and the use of proportional representation in the senate should ensure the party balance is not the same in the two Houses. But the senate would still consist of party men and women. They would be elected on the basis of regional lists drawn up by the parties, though subject to democratic involvement. There would be fewer independent voices than now exist in the Lords.

The proposals are ingenious, but the Commons, already wary of the incursions of the EC, is likely to remain reluctant to create a rival with its own separate democratic legitimacy. The Earl of Emsworth may have to leave his pigs for a few more years.

PETER RIDDELL

Belgium sets course for Maastricht clash with Britain

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

After two EC presidencies that have been lukewarm to greater European integration, the Belgians are beginning their six-month term by turning up the heat

THE European Community's new Belgian presidency yesterday placed itself on a collision course with the British government, describing the Maastricht treaty as a "starting point" and calling for the reinvigoration of the social chapter.

Willy Claes, the Flemish-speaking foreign minister, demanded a "new and stronger push forward to EC social policy", and further fuelled domestic anger by putting his presidency's weight behind Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission. He reminded the European parliament that the Commission had a prime role to play in the construction of Europe. After two fallow EC presidencies — Britain and Denmark — federalists now have a government at the head of the EC that is committed to the further integration of Europe.

"New opportunities will open up which the presidency will act upon in an imaginative spirit, to be able to encourage closer European union," Mr Claes said. "As far as we are concerned, Maastricht is not the end of the road, it is just the starting point."

Mr Claes admitted that it was difficult for Europe to compete with America and Japan, but said this was no excuse for "social backtracking". He added: "After a far too lengthy period of lethargy, it is necessary to resurrect the social chapter. That is a priority for the presidency." Europe would become more competitive not by cutting labour costs, but by harmonising the corporate environment.

He said Belgium would revive two British EC bogeys: the works council directive, which would guarantee workers a greater say in the way companies are run, and proposals for fiscal harmonisation, such as a uniform rate of corporate taxation. Mr Claes emphasised that the Commission's right of initiative "must be respected. It remains the driving force behind European construction, and our country, in its presidency, will see to it that the Commission will fully play its part."

On the issue of the civil war in former Yugoslavia, Mr Claes said Belgium intended to invoke the Maastricht treaty's chapter on a more coherent EC foreign and security policy. The declarations of intent given by the Community were simply inadequate.

His speech was well received by the parliament, which has gained few crumbs of comfort from the previous two presidencies. The Belgian foreign minister said a "truly constructive dialogue" with the Strasbourg assembly was of paramount importance.

Recognising the sensitivity of the timing of his speech, Mr Claes said he did not believe Britain was on the verge of a Maastricht referendum. "I am optimistic and I don't believe Britain is ready to take a positive decision on the organisation of a referendum," he said.

A British spokesman said that "there are two pedals to press on with many EC issues and Mr Claes seems to have pushed on them both". He said the government "reckons that Belgium knows some things just won't wash".

Mr Claes was vociferously opposed only by Karel Dillen, himself a Belgian MEP. However, Vlaams Blok, the neo-fascist representative for Antwerp, accused Mr Claes and the Belgian government of stealing from the Flemish nation. "What we want is an independent Flanders, equal to all the other countries of Europe," he said.

☐ **Honolulu:** President Clinton has appointed Stuart Eizenstat, a Washington lawyer, as the US representative to the EC. He will take the rank of ambassador. *(Reuter)*

Claes: focusing on the social chapter

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Demirel in clash on Kurds

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ANKARA

IN THE first sign that he may be re-emerging the political fray, President Demirel of Turkey openly dissented from a more lenient policy on Kurdish cultural rights being proposed by his prime minister.

During a two-day series of meetings with opposition leaders, Tansu Ciller sought all-party support for renewed military action against separatist activities of the Kurdistan Workers Party in the southeast of the country. She has, however, attempted to soften the blow by suggesting that Turkey might adhere fully to the United Nations Children's Charter, which acknowledges the right for children to receive education in their mother tongue.

The notion that the state-controlled school curriculum might be amended to offer lessons in Kurdish is as revolutionary in the Turkish context as Mrs Ciller's other proposal — that television and radio stations could broadcast in the language. Turkey like France has abrogated its adherence to sections of the UN Charter.

Mr Demirel warned against making concessions under fire. He said that no political mistakes had been made in the last nine years of the Kurds' armed insurrection, nor were any fresh political initiatives required to resolve the Kurdish problem "while the blood continued to flow".

Mrs Ciller is likely to have similar problems in convincing the hardliners within her own True Path party to end their suspicion that compromise over Kurdish cultural rights is the thin end of a secessionist wedge.

Constitutionally, the Turkish president is expected to be above party politics. But in a wide-ranging interview Mr Demirel said that it was impossible for the holder of the presidency to sit back and do nothing. The Kurdish issue is just one of the problems appeared designed to test the new prime minister's authority. Earlier this month, in one of the worst instances of religious-motivated violence since the 1920s, a mob in the town of Sivas set fire to a hotel. Thirty-five people were killed in the blaze.

Overcast skies match France's gloomy Bastille day mood

François marshals defence of currency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER a rain-soaked military parade that matched France's gloomy mood, President Mitterrand yesterday threw his authority behind the beleaguered franc and subjected the government of Edouard Balladur to a polite but pointed critique.

For the Western world and Europe, as well as France, the link between the franc and the German mark "is a necessity which imposes itself before any other", M Mitterrand said, backing M Balladur's effort to fight off continuing market pressure against the French currency.

The president also used the Bastille day ceremony to deliver a mixed tribute to his guest of honour, General Philippe Morillon. At a ceremony to decorate the returning hero of the United Nations forces in Bosnia, he said: "You must have found it difficult to understand what your duty was." The remark was a barely veiled reference to unhappiness among the general's superiors over his independent actions as UN chief. Gen Morillon has been attached temporarily to the defence ministry while Paris lobbies in New York to send him back to the UN in some senior capacity.

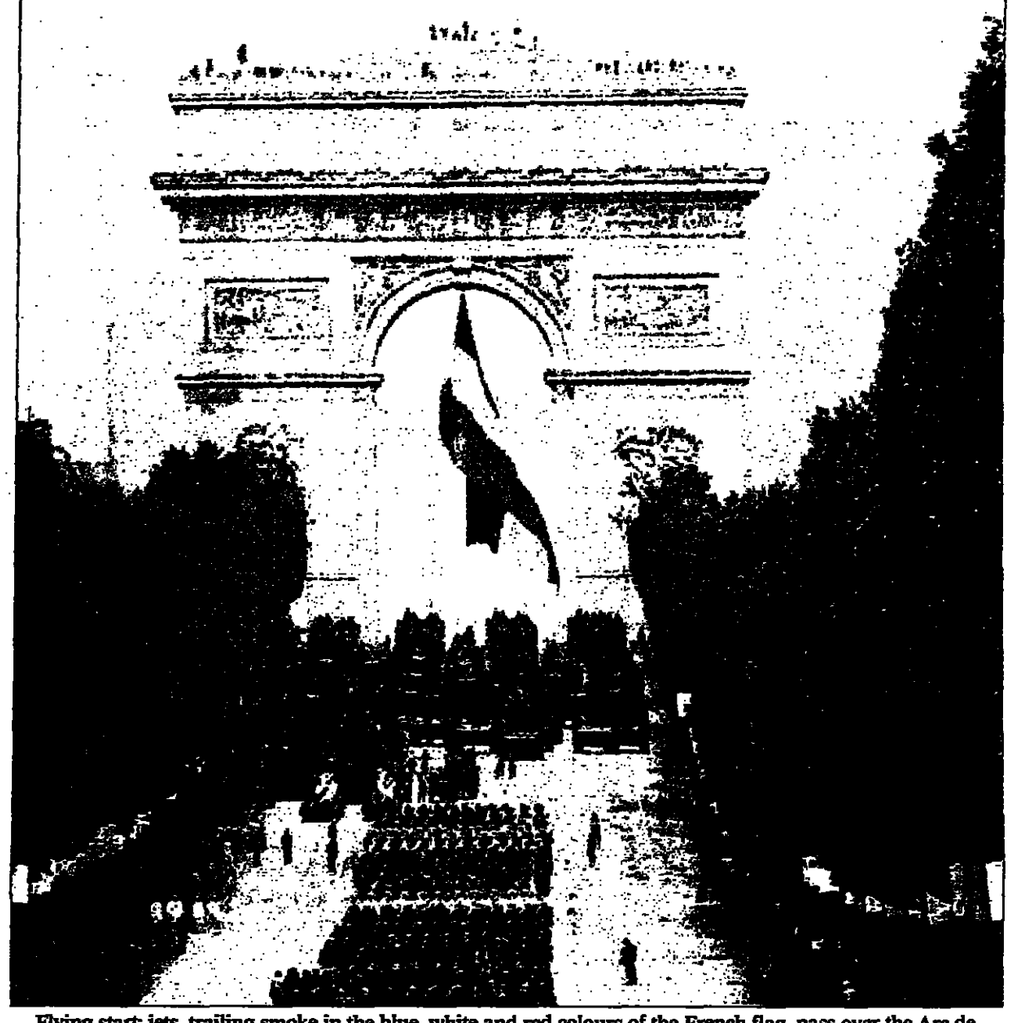
Rain and low clouds thinned out the traditional flypast by Mirage jets and other aircraft as 6,000 men and women of the armed forces paraded down the Champs-Elysées to the Place de la Concorde where M Mitterrand took the salute with the blue-bereted general and the Gaullist prime minister.

M Mitterrand, 76, who has retreated from the public stage since the Socialist débâcle in March, used his traditional one-hour television interview to remind the country that he remains head of state. M Balladur was "a man with whom one can discuss things" and the power-sharing was proving much less stressful than the last bout in the 1980s, he said.

Reminded of a 1986 comment that he was as watchful as a cat sleeping with one eye open, M Mitterrand said: "The claws are still there, whether they are in or out."

Depicting himself as an arbiter and father-figure above the political fray, M Mitterrand voiced reservations over the impact of the conservatives' policies, saying he would not hesitate to intervene if he believed national interests were at stake. He warned the government to "take extreme precautions" when it goes ahead with plans to privatise aerospace, aeroengine and petroleum companies. He also worried that M Balladur's policies might be leaving the poorest citizens behind and, talking of the government's measures to curb immigration, he warned of the dangers of "making foreigners out of people who are French".

The president also voiced concern over a rise in "fascist" thinking in France and Europe, though he said the phenomenon was nowhere near as strong as in the 1930s. On the economy, he said that a strong franc remained a condition of escaping from recession, a view that is, however, being increasingly challenged across the political spectrum. He also suggested that M Balladur's team were proceeding along the same path as the Socialists, a remark which drew outrage from Gaullist leaders. "Since François Mitterrand thinks the government's policy is going to work, he wants to spread the idea that he was the inspiration," said Jean-Louis Debré, the deputy-secretary of the Gaullist party.



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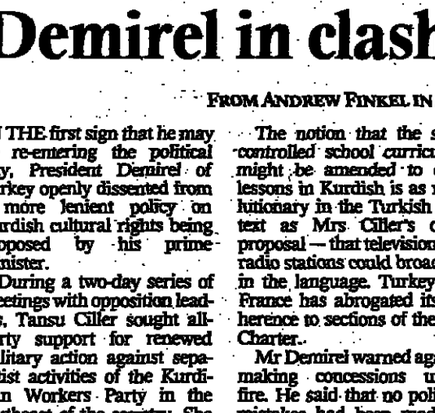

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Mogadishu guerrillas expose failure of 'high-tech toy' tactics

Eldon: a victim of Somali vengeance

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TROOPS from four countries in the 27-nation peacekeeping force in Somalia — Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia — have refused to be deployed on offensive operations after objections from their governments to the heavy-handed approach to restoring peace.

The Italian government has publicly called for a dialogue between the UN and General Muhammad Farrah Aidid's faction of the United Somali Congress. Rome also does not want its troops used in the sort of raid that left at least 54 Somalis dead and more than 100 wounded on Monday. The attack drew fierce criticism in Italy and led to an outburst of rage against foreigners, resulting in the deaths of four journalists, including Dan Eldon, a British photographer working for Reuter.

UN sources said that troops from the three Arab countries had been told by their governments that they were on a peacekeeping mission and should only open fire to defend themselves or civilians.

The fresh strains threaten to wreck the United Nations operations in Somalia. At the root of the trouble is the general unease over the domination of peacekeeping activities in Mogadishu by US officers and political officials.

Yesterday Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said that the UN's peacekeeping operations were unlikely to succeed unless the quality of military advice available to the international organisation were improved. In Mogadishu, a British security source said:

■ US reliance on superior firepower has alienated fellow peacekeepers as well as civilians. The legacy is urban guerrilla war that the UN can probably never win

"They rely too much on high-technology toys rather than more subtle approaches both on the political and military front."

The UN military commander in Somalia is General Cevic Bir, a Turk, but most of his staff are Americans. The head of UN operations in Somalia is another former US serviceman, Admiral Jonathan Howe. In the current hunt for the fugitive General Aidid, many UN officers and other security officials said they were dismayed that the American-led United Nations operation in Mogadishu had little understanding of the tactics of urban guerrilla warfare. "Their intelligence is poor, based mostly on rumours from their Somali employees and on aerial surveillance. There is still no substitute for having men on the ground," said a British security expert.

Since the middle of last month, General Aidid and his small band of about 500 men have driven the UN forces in Mogadishu off the streets and into their fortified camps. The UN response has been to retaliate with air strikes, using deadly accurate howitzers fired from AC130 aircraft and Cobra attack helicopters armed with 20mm cannon and anti-tank missiles.

Such firepower also kills civilians. In the past month, at least 200 civilians have been killed at the hands of the United Nations which, after Monday's devastating raid on General Aidid's command centre in Mogadishu, is still no closer to catching him than it was at the start of the campaign against him.

When the US-led multinational force arrived in Somalia seven months ago, politicians in Washington were more worried about American casualties than about doing the sensible thing in Somalia. "In December, the US could have announced the banning of all weapons and issued arrest orders against all the warlords. Instead [Robert] Oakley [the head of the US operation last year] hugged Aidid and his enemy, [President] Ali Mahdi [Muhammad], and said the US troops would not disarm them," said Ahmed Aden, a leading Somali intellectual. "That made him and his men look weak. The civilian population would have welcomed the demise of the warlords. But they were legitimised overnight," he added.

The legacy of that failure is a guerrilla war which probably can never be won by the UN.

"If Aidid is captured, the UN faces a legal nightmare. If he is killed, he will be a martyr. So far, with all this killing, all that has happened is that his Habre Gedir clan is united against the UN and the US and see them as the enemy," said the head of a relief agency in Mogadishu, where for a month rehabilitation projects have been at a standstill and food distribution erratic.

There is no doubt that the warlords of Somalia, who by their actions aggravated last year's famine and caused the deaths of 350,000 of their own people, should be held culpable. But the opportunity to do so was squandered in December. Since then, the American-UN military planners have relied on high-technology weapons to frighten General Aidid and his men into co-operation.

"We hoped to get him to see that he cannot survive against our weapons ... that we are not a bush army. It did not work," a UN officer admitted.

The question now is whether the UN is prepared to stay in Somalia to fight a guerrilla war. If it is, it may never be able to leave.

Senator calls for withdrawal of US troops in Somalia

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AN INFLUENTIAL American senator has called for all US troops serving with United Nations forces in Somalia to leave because the growing violence has marked a change from the original objective of halting starvation.

Senator Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat, is the first leading politician in Washington to call for an American withdrawal, but he may win support from others in Congress who are worried that the initial aims of the mission have become obscured and that Americans are now prime targets in a civil war reminiscent of Vietnam.

The senator's comments coincided with the distribution in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, of leaflets which pointed to an impending attack against American forces. The leaflets were circulated by Muslim fighters in the southern sector of the city, which is controlled by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord.

Other pamphlets accused the UN of serving US interests in the Horn of Africa and described Americans and their compounds as legitimate targets. On Monday, American helicopters bombarded a command centre of gunmen loyal to General Aidid. According to the Red Cross, 54 Somalis were killed in the raid, which was followed by the murder of four foreign journalists. The UN said only 15 Somalis died.

In his strongly worded statement, Mr Byrd said: "Further US action and participation a newly expanded mission should either be specifically endorsed by Congress, or we should pack up and go home. My vote is for the latter." He recalled that the Bush administration's said last December that the Somali operation was to be a short-term effort to ensure deliveries of food to the starving. He said the Senate endorsed only this limited role, not nation-building or police actions against warlords. With the humanitarian relief accomplished, it was time for the Americans to go. As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Mr Byrd is in a position to try to limit Pentagon funds in Somalia.

His comments echo mounting international concern and an earlier threat by Italy that it would move its troops from Mogadishu to northern Somalia unless the UN reviews its tough measures to enforce a political settlement on the warlords. The Pope is also worried that UN combat operations might fuel Islamic fundamentalism, a Vatican spokesman said.

Washington turned over its Somali operations to the UN earlier this year, but there are still more than 4,000 American troops serving with the UN force of 21,000, including a quick reaction force and the attack helicopters that tend to be in the thick of the urban warfare. The Pentagon announced on Tuesday that its offshore task force of 2,200 Marines is leaving Somalia, along with four AC130 attack aircraft, but senior officers claimed the moves did not signal a softening of support for UN operations.

Most UN aid workers in the Somali capital have stayed in their compounds since the attack on foreigners, but they want to resume deliveries to 100,000 people who depend on them for food.

□ **Mogadishu:** A leading relief agency said yesterday that the UN should refocus on saving the country rather than fighting General Aidid. Steve Rifkin, of Britain's Save the Children Fund, said: "I think we have to find as a matter of urgency ways of putting humanitarian aspects of this operation firmly back in the forefront."

He was speaking inside the fund's compound, where he and a few other foreign relief staff have been confined since gunmen killed 24 Pakistani peacekeepers last month. "We are not moving outside the compound unless it's absolutely necessary," he said.

Some Somalia aid officials fear that divisions in the UN coalition on how to disarm the country's warlords could further undermine relief work. "The whole peace process is under threat. Several major troop contingents in the United Nations force are virtually acting on their own, ignoring central command," a senior Western relief official said. *(Reuter)*

Vote catcher: Tsutomu Hata, leader of the Japan Renewal Party, who broke away from the ruling Liberal Democrats last month, campaigning in the city of Hamamatsu on behalf of a candidate for his party

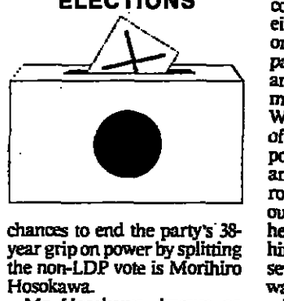
Polls hint at Tokyo coalition

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN OMIYA CITY

THE ruling Liberal Democratic Party will win about 227 seats in Sunday's election, placing the party about 29 seats short of a majority, but within reach of returning to power through a coalition with a small opposition party, five opinion polls published by national newspapers indicated yesterday.

Keigo Ouchi, leader of the small opposition Democratic Socialist Party, said that he had not ruled out the possibility of joining the Liberal Democrats in a coalition government after the election. Other opposition parties hope for Japan's first transfer of power since the Liberal Democrats were formed in 1955. "The problem is that a single party has stayed in power too long," Tsutomu Hata, leader of the Japan Renewal Party, which broke away from the Liberal Democrats last month, said.

If the polls prove accurate, and Mr Ouchi is lured into a coalition, then the man whom most writers will probably cite as the one who ruined Japan's



chances to end the party's 38-year grip on power by splitting the non-LDP vote is Morihiro Hosokawa.

Mr Hosokawa, known as Lord Hosokawa because of his ancestry as one of the scions of a prominent feudal land-owning family, is the leader of the Japan New Party, a one-year-old reformist alternative to the Liberal Democrats, which has won consistent support as the country's third favourite party in opinion polls, and which came from nowhere to win third place in the Tokyo metropolitan election last month. Mr Hosokawa said this week that his party has no intention of joining forces to form a coalition after the election with either the Liberal Democrats or with other new reformist parties. "I refuse to sit down and eat with the sleazy elements of these other parties. We have chosen the third way of true independence. Our policy is not to tie up with anyone," he bellowed from the roof of a campaign bus parked outside Omiya station, where he had craftily guaranteed himself at least an audience of several dozen commuters waiting for buses home.

With possibly the fastest verbal delivery in the business, the advantage of relative youth — he is 55 — and an eloquence that marks his speeches out from the wheezing ambiguities of many of the other "reformists", Mr Hosokawa has built himself a personal following but has not been hindered by his public affair with a television presenter. A straw poll at Omiya station found for every disinterested salaryman waiting for his bus, an enthusiastic supporter who cited Mr Hosokawa's reformist credibility, his looks and his "entertaining speeches" as reasons to vote for him.

The Japan New Party is clearly a potential Liberal Democrat ally, but Mr Hosokawa is playing hard to get. Unlike the proliferation of newer self-styled "reformist parties" that have been vowing to join up with anything available that might help to oust the ruling party, the New party is portraying itself as the only truly independent party and as such hopes to appeal to those fed up with old faces carrying new labels.

But the fact that Mr Hosokawa accepted cash and loans from the Sagawa Kyubin Trucking Company, the firm at the centre of the Liberal Democrats' latest corruption scandal has cast a shadow over his attempts to portray himself and his colleagues as an "entirely different breed from the established politicians".

Japanese keep up hunt for survivors

BY JOANNA PITMAN

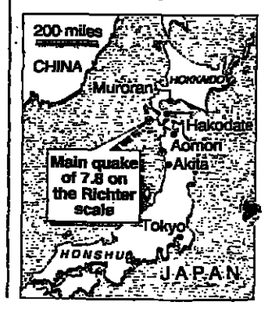
HUNDREDS of police rescue workers and members of Japan's defence forces worked late into the night yesterday, searching by torchlight for the 163 people believed to be still missing after the devastating series of earthquakes and tidal waves that hit the northernmost island of Hokkaido on Monday night.

The death toll stood at 102 as workers sifted through flattened homes in the fishing village of Aonae at the southern end of Okushiri island, where the impact of the tremors, waves, landslides and fires were felt most acutely.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, toured Okushiri by helicopter yesterday and briefly inspected the damage by car. He assured survivors that the government would make every effort to help with the relief work. Takahiro Yokomichi, the governor of Hokkaido, announced that "the priority now is humanitarian assistance. Doctors and nurses have been dispatched and the immediate requirement is to restore the water supply and provide temporary housing for all those who have lost their homes".

Thousands of residents were bedding down for a third night in town halls and schools. Many recalled another less powerful earthquake which struck the island ten years ago. "I had just got around to repairing my home and my livelihood after the last earthquake and now this one has struck. I have lost many of my relatives this time too," a fisherman said.

He had been visiting friends on Monday and described picking through the wreckage of his house yesterday, finding a pair of his son's pyjamas and the futon on which his wife had been sleeping.



Vietnam exiles set for colony

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong is bracing itself for the arrival of up to 7,000 Vietnamese boat people from China. The refugees, from Beihai in Guangxi province, are a small proportion of the 280,000 Vietnamese "Hua" of Chinese descent, who fled to China in 1979 during the Sino-Vietnamese war.

The conflict ended disastrously for Peking, which had regarded it as "an educational war" to punish the Vietnamese for border encroachment. Hanoi, which regarded the Hua as subversives, encouraged them to emigrate.

But in China, the Hua claim that they have been discriminated against. In 1987, 7,300 sailed to Hong Kong where they expected to be granted refugee status. At the time, Hong Kong and Peking had signed an agreement that such refugees, regarded by the United Nations as "economic migrants", would be repatriated.

Only 600 of the boat people were able to be repatriated six months later because of the time China took in checking identities. Part of the difficulty is that authorities in Beihai have not welcomed back the Hua. "We have no intention of receiving these people, and we have no responsibility for them," an official said.

B. J. Bresnahan, the Hong Kong refugee co-ordinator, said: "We have to seek prior agreement from China before sending them back. It's not like the illegal immigrants who come across the border from Guangdong whom we send back in 24 hours. With these people from Vietnam, the Chinese do the checking. This can take weeks, months, years."

Libya hires judge who justified US bombing of Tripoli

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IN AN extraordinary example of Washington's revolving door for jobs, a former judge who helped to craft American sanctions against Libya, and also gave a legal justification for the bombing of Tripoli, has gone to work for Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. The move was described yesterday as evidence that the Libyan leader was looking for some conciliation with the West over the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Scotland.

Abraham Sofaer said he switched loyalties to negotiate a possible settlement in cases

Gaddafi: looking for conciliation with West

arising from the attack. He denied suggestions that he was offered a starting retainer of $500,000 (£330,000), but declined to say what his fee would be. Several other Washington lawyers reportedly turned down $500,000 when approached by Libyan agents. Mr Sofaer was serving as legal adviser to the State Department when a terrorist bomb blew up the jet, killing 270 people. Two Libyan agents have been indicted, but Colonel Gaddafi has refused to hand them over for trial in America or Britain.

Mr Sofaer said his contract did not mean Colonel Gaddafi has decided that the two defendants would appear in court, but the lawyer will advise Libya on trying to find solutions for differences over the criminal case as well as civil action brought by the victims' families.

John Townsend, a spokesman for Mr Sofaer's law firm, said Libya was not accepting responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing, but it was worth noting that once in a while countries decide to get things behind them. Last week, Colonel Gaddafi addressed appeasing words to President Clinton, although Mr Clinton has promised to pursue and punish the Libyan leader.

Mr Sofaer, a Jew and former federal judge in New York, insisted that he had not compromised his values as somebody against terrorism and pro-Israel. A *Washington Post* columnist said Mr Sofaer's new job "astonishes and pains many who have long admired him".

As legal adviser to two Secretaries of State, George Shultz and James Baker, Mr Sofaer provided the justification for President Reagan's decision to use bombers based in Britain on the raid that almost killed Colonel Gaddafi. Mr Sofaer argued that Libya's bombing of a Berlin discothèque frequented by American soldiers had amounted to an attack on America. Mr Sofaer also helped Mr Reagan impose sanctions on Libya in 1986. He has now been forced to apply for a licence from the US treasury exempting him from the controls he created.

Egyptologist claims 'mafia' link to crime at pyramids

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

IBRAHIM Bakr, the expert removed from his post as chief of Egypt's vast archaeological heritage three weeks ago, has accused an official "mafia" of controlling the Giza pyramids plateau for the past 20 years.

Dr Bakr, who is highly respected among international Egyptologists, claimed that the plateau on the outskirts of Cairo had suffered widespread thefts of antiquities and financial malpractices which the "mafia" wanted hushed up. "This was the main issue," Dr Bakr said of his resignation. "I wanted these practices reported to the prosecution authorities, but my request was refused."

In an interview with *Al Ahram*, Dr Bakr disclosed that his departure came after personal differences with Farouk Hosni, the culture minister. The same minister was responsible for sacking one of Dr Bakr's predecessors as head of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation in 1988 after a 660lb block dropped from the Sphinx's shoulder.

Dr Bakr claimed angrily that "certain people" whom he did not identify, acted as if the Giza plateau — which contains the three great pyramids and the Sphinx — was their private property. "The exploitation ranged from entrance fees paid by visitors, to documentary films which they shot at Giza and sold abroad. Lately, they even refused to register newly discovered antiquities."

Dr Bakr told *Al Ahram* that he was up against a "mafia" whose aim was to impede the progress of archaeological work. The charges have reignited a long-running political controversy about the government's alleged failure to preserve Egypt's heritage.

In a recent parliamentary debate, Galal Gharib, an independent deputy, charged that restoration funds had been wrongly reallocated and informed Mr Hosni bluntly that the Sphinx was "bound to collapse in the next 50 years".

Dr Bakr said that failure to protect the pyramid of Chephren, which was bombed three months ago, had led to the police failing to capture the Islamic extremists responsible. At the time, the security forces attempted to cover up the fact that a terrorist device had exploded at the historic site. The authorities, worried about the bomb's effect on tourism, claimed that the blast had resulted from a short circuit setting fire to paint thinner.

"When the explosion took place, we discovered that a closed-circuit television inside the pyramid was not working," Dr Bakr said.

Abdel-Halim Noureddin, Dr Bakr's successor, said that he would soon be introducing a series of new restrictions on the work of foreign archaeological missions in Egypt and on the Egyptian antiquities sent abroad.

Operation to rescue Yemen Jews unveiled

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

A SECRET operation to smuggle the last remaining Yemeni Jews to Israel via London was exposed and jeopardised yesterday, raising fears that hundreds of Jews may become trapped in Yemen.

According to the Jewish Agency, the quasi-governmental organisation which is responsible for immigration, 246 Yemeni Jews, mostly from the north, have been brought secretly to Israel over the past year.

However, the operation was compromised when the Hebrew daily *Maariv* published details of the plan, thereby threatening the departure of 900 more Jews.

"It was a complete surprise to us when the story was published," said Uri Gordon, head of the agency's immigration department. "We tried to keep it secret for two years. We are worried that the operation will now be cut off." He would not give further details, but sources said that prominent figures in British Jewry played an important role.

In Israel, it was feared that the disclosures could have the same effect as the leak in 1984 about the airlift of Ethiopian Jews in Operation Moses, which was halted and only completed in 1991 during the Operation Solomon airlift.

In the case of Yemeni Jews, about 45,000 were brought to Israel from Aden between 1949 and 1950, in the successful Magic Carpet operation. However, about 1,500 remained behind in a remote area near the Saudi Arabian border.

Although the Jewish community suffered from government repression during the Gulf war with Iraq, when Yemen sided with Baghdad, since then restrictions on Jewish religious practices have eased, particularly since the Yemeni government instituted democratic reforms and courted the West.

Nevertheless, the disclosure that Jews are settling in Israel from Yemen is likely to cause embarrassment for the Sanaa government with its Arab neighbours, since it has prided itself as one of the strongest supporters of the Palestinian cause in the region.

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UN forces struggle to stop purge by Croats in Mostar

BY TOM RHODES

■ Muslim women and children are being massed outside their homes at midnight and forced to run the gauntlet of snipers as they flee the northward Bosnian Croat offensive

UNITED Nations forces were making fervent attempts yesterday to reach the embattled town of Mostar, where it is believed Bosnian Croats have mounted a ruthless and systematic operation of "ethnic cleansing" against Muslims.

Hundreds of Muslim civilians, including women and children, are said to have been driven from their homes across sniper-infested front lines. Muslim men of draft age have been jailed, according to UN sources.

It is estimated that 12,000 Muslims have been forcibly evicted in overnight Croat raids in central Mostar, where fighting broke out in May. In the past two days, the rate of expulsions has apparently soared. "The HVO [Bosnian Croat force] is cutting loose and shifting 'ethnic cleansing' into its final stages in Mostar," a UN source said. "They bar any foreign aid workers from entering the city and are getting away with murder."

Previous UN allegations of "ethnic cleansing" have been denied by the Croats, who claim Muslims have been removed from their homes temporarily for safety. With Muslims having launched a strong offensive in the town in recent weeks, however, it is believed that the current spate of evictions could be a retaliatory measure. "Women, children and the elderly are being evicted and forced on foot over a frontline bridge to the devastated east bank of the Neretva [river] in a systematic, extremely violent manner," one source said. "HVO soldiers mass at the doorsteps of homes in the middle of the night, [herd] the inhabitants outside and shoot over their heads, including small children, to move them along.

"Hundreds, if not thousands, of their male relatives of draft age, 18 to 60, have been detained in a camp in deplorably crowded halls without toilets, and fed no more than a bit of bread and tea for breakfast and occasionally macaroni soup in the afternoon."

Mostar, which was seized by the Croats after repelling a Serb offensive on the town in June last year, is strategically important to the HVO. The main supply route from the coast runs through the town, and offers a useful passage for soldiers and weapons heading north to fight the Muslim brigades in the mountainous central region. Less than a month ago, the Croats signed a ceasefire with the Bosnian Serbs along this important bank of the Neretva, in the hope that this route would remain open. Two weeks ago, when renewed fighting broke out in Mostar, UN soldiers were forced to leave the town after receiving threats.

In Sarajevo, the United Nations said running water had returned to a third of the city, but a power blackout continued after Bosnian Serbs besieging the city failed to switch on a natural gas line as had been promised. The Bosnian capital of 380,000 people had been without tap water or electricity since June 21, raising the spectre of dysentery and typhoid epidemics from contaminated wells.

Sadako Ogata, head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees operation in central Bosnia, visited the capital to assess conditions in Sarajevo before reporting to a meeting of donor countries in Geneva tomorrow. She told the people of Sarajevo that her agency was there to stay.

Even as she spoke, two convoys failed to reach their destinations in other parts of the republic. One, attempting to get to Gorazde, was stopped by Serb women demonstrators and rebel Serb troops, and forced to turn back to Pale. The second was unable to enter Mostar because of the growing tension.

Draskovic wife says resistance will go on

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

DANICA Draskovic says that the beatings she suffered in prison will not make her give up politics. "I shall continue, but with even greater energy, the energy I got from the humiliation of those beatings I suffered at the hands of the Serbian police."

Mrs Draskovic and her husband, Vuk Draskovic, the Serbian opposition leader, were released last Friday after 40 days in detention. He is still in hospital, having been on hunger strike. She is unable to stand upright because of spinal injuries sustained in beatings.

But she is as outspoken as before. Her voice only faltered, and tears came, when she recalled how police took her husband, "like a potato sack", threw him on the floor, and screamed: "Here is your Vuk." Worse than the beatings were the verbal abuse and the way they pulled her hair. "The first four hours in prison I was desperate. I was crawling because I could not stand up. I begged to be admitted to the prison hospital but when I finally did see the doctor he said there was no need for treatment."

Mrs Draskovic, 47, said that she had gained strength from the experience because "I could see and feel it myself what a brutal dictatorship we have in Serbia. Before, I could never believe it possible — in some African dictatorships perhaps, but in Europe, never."

A law graduate, she provoked her first scandal when, as a magistrate, she refused to send to jail a group of vagrants. She said that society could not imprison people for idling on the streets if it could not offer them work.

Many call her Serbia's Iron Lady. In her husband's party, the Serbian Renewal Movement, she has numerous critics who regard her style as aggressive. Some say she is power-hungry. But she says that she is only reacting to injustice. "I am hard as much as it is necessary not to be dumb. But I am strong. That's how I feel. This is the time for ladies of iron." Elected to her husband's party executive, she has gathered a group of devoted followers in recent months, a new generation which cares less for nationalism and more for democracy and Europe.

On the night of June 1, when riots started in front of parliament, she arrived elegantly dressed in a silk dress, intending to go to a dinner party. She ended up exhorting the crowd to invade the parliament building.

Recently, she provoked more anger, among officials of her own party as well as the government, when she said: "Vuk would defend the Muslims because they are the victims of 'ethnic cleansing', and not the Serbs, who have done shameful things."

She does not feel that she or her husband owe any gratitude to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, for pardoning them. "He is really trying to pardon himself for the things he has done to us. He realises he has overstepped the mark and the risk of my husband starving himself to death was simply something he could not take."

Her husband says she is only a servant of the party. But the leader of an extremist nationalist party says: "She is neither a servant nor a secretary but the real boss."

Asked if she did not long for a more leisurely life, she said: "It would be more comfortable for us to give up politics, for my husband to go back to writing novels, for both of us to travel and enjoy what's left of our lives. But I am fighting so that communism will disappear also from Serbia, the last country in Europe to have a communist regime. I am fighting for a democratic Serbia returning to Europe where she belongs."

But while she believes that most Serbs are opposed to the Belgrade regime, she says fear keeps the population quiet. "What happens to us has only intensified that fear," she said.

Grateful tears: Danica Draskovic weeps after laying a wreath at a French memorial in Belgrade yesterday. President Mitterrand's wife helped win the Draskovics' freedom

Nato jets on Bosnia standby next week

BY MICHAEL EVANS

MORE than 60 Nato bombers from the United States, Britain, France, and The Netherlands will be ready to provide protection for United Nations forces in Bosnia from Thursday next week, it was announced in Brussels yesterday.

A squadron of 12 RAF Jaguars from Colitishall in Norfolk is leaving for the area tomorrow and will be based at Gioia del Colle in southern Italy. The other aircraft will include 12 American A10 tank-busters, US carrier-borne F18s and A6s, and French Jaguars.

Jeremy Hanley, armed forces minister, said yesterday that the six Royal Navy Harriers on board the carrier, HMS *Ark Royal*, would also be available for protecting UN forces. A Nato spokesman in Brussels said the mission would be called Operation Disciplined Guard.

The operation, which will offer air cover to all UN forces in Bosnia as well as to troops allocated to the six Muslim "safe areas", will run in parallel with the existing Nato no fly zone mission which has been in place since April.

The Nato spokesman said some of the same aircraft would be involved. The extra 60 aircraft, including support and refuelling planes, will carry out training in Italy before becoming operational on July 22.

Nato is to send final details of its plans to the UN later this week. The UN has not yet deployed some 7,500 extra troops it says are needed to defend the Muslim safe areas but has asked Nato to handle the air cover.

The US A10s which can be used against artillery and tanks are already deployed at the Italian air base. The operation opens up the prospect of offensive Western military action in former Yugoslavia for the first time since the UN agreed in May to defend the Muslim enclaves.

However, Nato sources stressed that the aircraft would only be used if there was a special request for help from UN commanders in Bosnia.

It is felt unlikely that the aircraft will be launched into instant bombing raids.

Hurd rejects Iranian offer

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that Iran's offer to send troops to help United Nations forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina was unacceptable to Britain.

He told the Commons that there was a strong case for Muslim troops in Bosnia, but added: "I don't myself think that Iran would be a suitable candidate for that."

The offer from Tehran came as Muslim nations, responding to a call from the Islamic Conference, offered to make more than 17,000 troops available for the defence of Muslim "safe areas". The offer has embarrassed the Europeans, who have largely failed to respond to the UN call for an extra 7,500 troops, but who do not want the religious and ethnic balance of the UN forces to be weighted too heavily on the Muslim side.

It would be difficult to turn down the offer, however, unless other countries offer to make up the shortfall. President Mitterrand, in a Bastille day television interview, said Europe lacked the resources to end the war in Bosnia and could not be the gendarme of all the world's conflicts.

Seven Muslim countries are ready to send troops to Bosnia. Soldiers are likely to be chosen from countries with a record of UN peacekeeping, or from those whose command and control structures are closest to other military forces. Offers made by Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia are likely to be accepted.

Dilemmas of global policing

How the strategic muddle casts heroes as devils

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE two highest profile United Nations operations — in Somalia and Bosnia — have destroyed the illusion, created after the end of the Cold War and the allied victory in the Gulf, that the UN would become the main instrument through which a peaceful new world order would emerge.

The UN has tried to do too much too soon and has laid itself open to charges of incompetence, failure in leadership, and muddled strategy. Yet the sense of disarray that has bedevilled the missions in Somalia and Bosnia was probably inevitable.

For while the UN is trying to adjust to its new ambitious responsibilities, its most influential Western members — America, Britain and France — are also attempting to restructure their armed forces and, crucially, their foreign and security policies to meet unpredictable demands.

However enthusiastically the West talks of peacekeeping, there is no evidence yet that the key countries, whose armed forces are most valued, are prepared to be committed totally to the UN cause. There is still a great reluctance to devote resources and full political commitment to an organisation seen as inefficient, underfunded and hopelessly bureaucratic. But without that commitment, the UN will never become the ultimate guarantor of world security.

The result is that peacekeeping operations have been launched without a clear political and military strategy, without effective command and control, and without sufficient financial backing or co-ordination. The missions in Somalia and Bosnia have both suffered from these basic weaknesses. The two other prestige operations, in Cambodia and Mozambique, could face a similar fate.

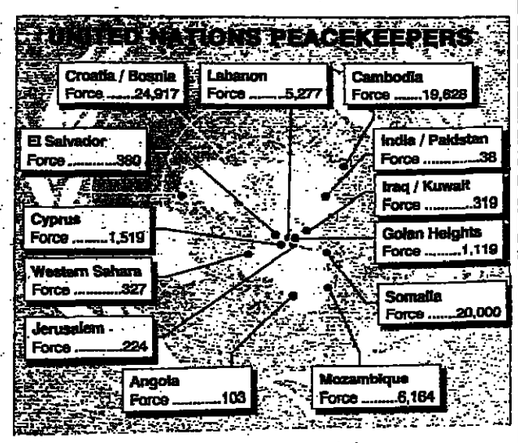
One problem is that peacekeeping is seen as the litmus test for the West's new security policies. Nato members, in particular, are eager to show their ability to adapt to the unpredictable new world, but there is as yet no proper framework within which to operate effectively.

For the Americans, the mission in Somalia, Operation Restore Hope, was to have been a set-piece for their new military strategy after the Cold War, namely a switch from global conflict to a focus on regional contingencies. More important, there were to be no more Bays of Pigs or Vietnams. Somalia was to be a success story. So there was always going to be a separate, American agenda in Somalia, based not on UN peacekeeping guidelines but on a US strategy for instant short-term intervention, with force a natural weapon of peace.

As the humanitarian mission increasingly turned to peace enforcement and Somalis started dying at the hands of the peacekeepers, the image of the Americans, and therefore the UN, has changed. They are no longer regarded as saviours. The mission is at a precarious point, with Italy, which has 2,200 soldiers in Somalia, raising grave doubts about the legitimacy of using force against the warlord, General Muhammad Farrah Aidid.

In Bosnia, the UN's reputation is also tarnished, not because of excessive use of force but because of the lack of force. The Muslims, in particular, have accused UN troops of standing by while their families have been murdered or thrown out of their homes. They cannot understand what the UN is doing in Bosnia if not to protect them from their enemies.

Part of the reason for the confusion in strategy in Somalia and Bosnia is that the UN is trying to tackle simultaneous peacekeeping missions in a dangerous environment on a far grander scale than most operations in the past.



There are 13 UN missions costing nearly $3 billion (£2 billion) a year and involving 74 countries.

Michael Clarke, of the Centre for Defence Studies at King's College London, has urged the setting-up of a UN staff college, so the lessons of peacekeeping can be properly assessed. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said the same on Tuesday. Command and control have been among the key failures. "In Bosnia we need a single UN co-ordinator on the ground. There are too many agencies involved and no one in overall charge," Mr Clarke said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt court adjourns shaikh case

Cairo: An Egyptian court has postponed the case of Omar Abdel Rahman, the radical Muslim shaikh, and his followers until September, security sources said yesterday.

They said an appeals court decided on Tuesday to adjourn the trial to review a defendant's petition to remove the judge, Ahmed Ashmawi, on the ground that he is biased against Muslim militants. It will also give the Egyptian embassy in America time to issue an official summons to the shaikh who is in detention there, the sources said.

Shaikh Abdel Rahman, whose followers have been implicated in the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York, and an alleged plot to blow up the United Nations, is on trial in his absence in Egypt with 48 others for inciting a riot and attempting to kill two policemen in 1989. *(Reuter)*

Ethnic attacks

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas, whose leaders are seeking a role in Cambodia's government, have launched fresh attacks against ethnic Vietnamese, United Nations peacekeepers said. *(Reuter)*

Italian held

Geneva: Giuseppe Garofano, former head of the Montedison chemicals group and a key figure sought in Italy's corruption investigation, has been arrested, pending extradition, officials said. *(AFP)*

Late justice

Seoul: A Seoul high court has ordered Korea to pay £145,637 compensation to relatives of Park Chongchul, whose death by torture in a 1987 police investigation sparked months of protest. *(Reuter)*

Baked Alaska

Anchorage: America's most northern city, Barrow, 325 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska, broke its all-time temperature high with 79F (26C) reported. The normal high in July is 45F (7C). *(AP)*

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Human life means nothing

The words of a teenage rapist are a chilling insight into a generation of lost ideals, says Kate Muir

"Hey great! We've hit the big time!": the murderers of Jennifer Ertman, left, and Elizabeth Pena seemed to be delighted by the publicity

The new playground slang in New York for making love is to "hit skins". The phrase cuts out any possibility of affection or commitment; the act is physical, nothing more. Schoolboys commonly use the word "bitch" as a synonym for girl, and schoolgirls use "dog" for boy. Courtship is dead, and in its place is a desire for instant gratification. A popular T-shirt among teenagers says: "No More Mr Nice Guy (On Your Knees, Bitch)".

This summer's craze among gangs of boys in the city is "whirlpooling". Ten or 12 boys pick on a girl in one of the big municipal swimming pools, encircle her chanting rap songs with misogynist lyrics, lock arms and move in like sharks, ripping her bathing suit off and physically molesting her. There were attacks five days in a row last week.

Suddenly adults were jolted into looking at what they used to call dating, and realised that many teenagers were no longer making romantic rendezvous, but hunting like animals in packs. One case in particular has brought on a bout of revulsion and soul-searching. Last week in Houston, Texas, six teenage members of Houston's Black N White gang were indicted for raping and murdering two girls. The boys, the youngest of whom was 14, boasted to friends of the violent rape and strangling, and outside the courthouse seemed to show no remorse as one tried to kick a cameraman and the others swore at the crowd.

Their victims, Jennifer Ertman, 14, and Elizabeth Pena, 16, were taking a short-cut home at night from a friend's swimming pool when they came upon the boys in the woods. The gang members had just finished fighting as part of an initiation ceremony and, with the adrenalin still flowing, one allegedly shouted "Let's get 'em". The nude bodies of Ertman and Pena were found four days later. Semen analysis showed they had been raped repeatedly. One was strangled with a shoelace, the other with a belt. A police spokesman said: "To ensure that both of them were dead, the suspects stood on the girls' necks."

The attack seemed random, pointless and utterly callous, and what has puzzled the public even more is the attitude of the boys. On hearing he was being charged with murder, one allegedly said: "Hey, great! We've hit the big time!". On a local television programme which happened to feature some of the gang before the attack, 18-year-old Derrick Sean O'Brien waved a beer and boasted: "Human life means nothing."

Although many of the boys came from broken homes, and two already had been caught in possession of guns, the assumption that only alienated members of an underclass behave in this way towards the opposite sex is wrong. In a middle-class suburb of New Jersey, four high-school footballers were convicted of raping and sexually assaulting a retarded girl with a toy baseball bat and a broom handle.

Theories abound for the reasons behind the changing behaviour, but economics alone is not enough. Some blame the 33,000 murders the average American child sees on television before reaching 16; others blame broken homes, distant relationships with fathers and lack of responsible role models; the rest blame the modern culture of immediate gratification.

Whatever the reason, something strange is happening to the children who used to attend the end-of-year prom dances and buy their sweethearts rose corsages. James Fauntleroy, a 15-year-old from Connecticut, was recently quoted in *The New York Times* saying: "Nobody wants a relationship except the girls. The guys don't want to look soft to their friends." Sexual harassment at school becomes a challenge for boys to prove their manhood.

"If you see people slapping their girl," continued Fauntleroy, "they probably get respect from their boys." Another schoolboy, asked to explain the gang attack trend, said: "It's nature. Look at the female dog and the male dog. You see 20 male dogs on a female dog. It's the male nature in a way."

Girls run in gangs too, and give as good as they get, but the difference is that their aggression is usually restricted to the verbal.

Despite — or perhaps because of — the heightened attention to date rape and sexual harassment, teenagers find the teasing and give-and-take that accompanies school life increasingly dangerous, since it can easily tip over into abuse. Many children seem to have no idea of normal behaviour between the sexes, particularly when gangs or peer approval begin to outweigh family influences.

In a survey five years ago of 1,700 high school pupils, one in four boys said they believed a man has the right to rape a woman if he spends money on her on a date. What is more, 16 per cent of girls thought that too. And half of the students of both sexes said that a woman who dresses seductively and walks alone at night is "asking" to be raped. From the recent examples of teenage sexual violence, little seems to have changed.

Rapists are getting younger — under-18s commit one in five of all rapes, and under-15s commit one in 20. Sexual attacks by 13 and 14-year-olds have doubled in the last decade, and according to the National Centre for Juvenile Justice, the increase is not due to increased sensitivity to rape, since the overall number of rapes would go up.

Many people instinctively want to deny that sexual violence — or indeed knowledge — takes place so young, but the growing number of arrests must surely focus attention. Randy Ertman, father of the Houston murder victim, said everyone should view the two girls' deaths as a wake-up call. "The problem with the youth of America starts in the home, so parents, please be there for your children. Always."

But those lacking parents, or at least parents who provide a structure with taboos and traditions laid out before them, are now floating in a soup of uncertainty, relying on animal instinct above common sense. The inability of America's youth to distinguish between harassment and flirting is starting to have serious consequences.

If I'd had a hammer . . .

Peter Taylor on how yob culture led to a killing

When a group of white policemen was acquitted in Los Angeles last year of beating up Rodney King, a black motorist, the city erupted in riots, which left 49 dead. English suburbia is less demonstrative, but the rage yesterday at the acquittal of Joseph Elliott, the 19-year-old, drug-taking, tyre-slashing yob who killed Robert Osborne, a 40-year-old music teacher, in "self-defence", was palpable. Behind the privets, potted plants and mock-Georgian front doors, the nice guys are turning distinctly nasty.

On a phone-in to a London radio station, the callers were apoplectic. A shopkeeper told how he had been beaten up twice recently in robberies, with the thieves getting away scot-free. A former jury foreman, said it was "frightening" how stupid his fellow-jurors were. (One had asked him: "What does 'acquit' mean?")

An "appalled" teacher rang to say: "I just cannot believe the attitude of young children in schools today. They are assertive in their ignorance." When a woman called to suggest that the killer might have come from a deprived background, the host cut her off: "I'm not putting up with any do-gooder nonsense this morning."

An image to strike fear in the suburbs

When law and order has effectively collapsed, there are only two reflexive options. One is to accept the inevitablity of violent crime: to carry small amounts of money, for instance, to pacify muggers. Such people tend to leave notes in their houses reading, "If you steal the computer, please leave the floppies". Like the man who was recently threatened with police prosecution for not going to the aid of an officer making an arrest, the line of least resistance seems the prudent calculation. The other is to "have a go" — perhaps spontaneously, like Mr Osborne's ill-fated chase after his tormentor, or more systematically.

The vigilante is the contemporary hero. When the "Dickleburgh Two" kidnapped a suspected thief in what we imagined to be the sleepy rural fastness of Norfolk, and threatened to douse him with petrol, there were general murmurings of approval. The "Twelve Just Men", a self-styled vigilante group in Newton, Powys, has captured suspected burglars and shoved ferrets down their trousers to widespread acclaim.

At the funeral six weeks ago of a middle-aged Cardiff man who was kicked to death by vandals, the local vicar, the Rev Robert Morgan, declared: "We have it in our power as men to organise against this violence and stop it. There are enough men in this church today to call a halt to this behaviour."

Old fashioned criminality is at least intelligible to non-criminals. "Thieves respect property," G K Chesterton observed. "They merely wish the property to become their property, that they may more perfectly respect it." The yob culture, with its nihilistic pride in being a moron, perplexes as well as infuriates. It seems entirely typical that Mr Osborne should have been watching a lunar eclipse, as the teenager who lived 300 yards away slashed car tyres for his own "amusement."

There are now more than 100,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in operation, compared with 1,300 in 1985. Evidence suggests they are not much of a deterrent, but it is still easier to spot an outsider in well-heeled Acacia Avenue than it is in the mixed streets of maisonettes, converted houses and flats that constitute new suburbia. The yob is not an alien. He lives just down the road.

The yob's stupidity and aimlessness is especially offensive to suburbanites, who make assiduous efforts at self-improvement. Mr Osborne was a DIY enthusiast, one of thousands who throng handymen's supermarkets. Their aspirations are easily mocked, but their admirable code is to make the best of what they have. The yob — remember Pink Floyd's "we don't need no education, we don't need no thought control" — has no such sense of purpose.

Perhaps the aspect of yobbishness that maddens most is the unrepentent shamelessness. Asked if he had any message of sympathy for the bereaved Osborne family, Mr Elliott replied: "You what?", adding "No comment." Solzhenitsyn famously remarked that in order for men to do a great evil, it is first necessary for them to believe they are doing a great good. Such distinctions are lost on the yob, who is a moral imbecile. His compass was never set, so he doesn't even know he's lost.

I have just an inkling of what went through Mr Osborne's mind when he picked up a hammer and set off down the road. Some years ago, in the United States, I sustained broken bones through trying, feebly, to resist an attack by muggers.

What went through my mind was very far from heroic — just spur-of-the-moment indignation. The next time they can have the wallet without a struggle. But at home, us suburbanites keep our golf clubs handy, just in case.

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Who would be daft enough to hold a royal garden party in England?

What a shower at the palace

"GOOD Hiyevans, I don't bulyeeve it. Prudence, its raining," screeched a brigadier at his sodden wife. But then it was a day full of surprises. "It's actually quite cold," she said shivering, with an air of astonishment. Pouring rain, black clouds and a nippy north-westerly? Surely not. This was the Queen's first garden party of the year, it couldn't possibly rain.

But on Tuesday it did rain, and not just politely. It bucketed down all over the men's top hats and the women's silk dresses. New suede shoes got plastered in royal mud and those who had spent hours practising how to hold a teacup in one hand while shaking a royal's hand with the other suddenly realised that no one had told them what to do with the umbrella.

Our weather, like our landscape, is quite unplanned and the summer season tends to bring out the worst. So why doesn't the Queen do the decent thing and hold the garden parties indoors? After all, she has 16 state rooms which she is opening to the great unwashed, and a wonderful range of paintings to keep her guests amused.

The problem is that the British are actually quite attached to their rain, however miserable they look. If it is cold all through July and wet all through August they are not the least deterred. If anything, they seem to revel in the fact that their gardens are flourishing. And they would certainly never let a spot of rain destroy their plans.

George Orwell, reflecting on the pleasures of Britain after travelling abroad, summed it up in *Down and Out in Paris and London* when he praised, "bath-

Charles: HRH, the prince of wellies

rooms, armchairs, mint sauce, new potatoes, properly cooked bacon, brown bread, marmalade, beer made with veritable hops and rain".

Two years ago, when the heavens opened on Pavarotti while he sung in a quagmired Hyde Park, the organisers thought their worst nightmare had come true but the British loved every soaking minute of it. The Princess of Wales kept repeating: "I'm sopping wet." But as she dripped over Pavarotti, she admitted: "I'm soaked but it was worth it and I would love to do it again."

Warren Davis, the National Trust's press and public relations manager, who organises open air parties at NT venues, says: "Outdoor entertainment is now enormous and it's very rare to get an event rained off completely. We used to take out weather insurance but most people are willing to smile through the rain."

This foolhardiness abounds everywhere on the social calender from the Derby to Royal Ascot, Henley, Lord's and Cowes week. But the British love it and never more so than when they are having a picnic. We are by far the most resourceful, inventive and good-humoured picnickers in the world. Our picnics form a rich source of anecdote on a par with, say, being burgled.

Glyndebourne is the epitome of the stylish picnic, where no effort is too great to achieve an effortless effect and everyone tries to avoid shivering in their organza dresses. At one particularly wet Glyndebourne, a Californian music critic, seeing others cooling their wine bottles in a pond, attempted to do the same and fell in. They found him alternative clothing for the evening, a costume from Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, and he carried on his picnic under an umbrella.

Sporting events are the same. At the Eastbourne tennis championships this year it didn't stop raining. But the pensioners who had come with their flasks and rugs couldn't have caredless. At Wimbledon, where it was so hot that spectators' thighs stuck to those of their neighbours, it was much less fun.

The only problem is the fashion industry, which has never understood soggy pleasures. Brolliology hasn't changed much in 100 years. Although the umbrella is the one item in fashion's panoply which has undisputably benefited from the invention of nylon, it has never quite succeeded in doing the job. The Queen wears see-through plastic capes on all intemperate occasions but these can become like mini-saunas if you do not have royal sang-froid.

ALICE THOMSON

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The myriad benefits of HRT ... asthma aid for sufferers from heart failure ... goat's milk of human kindness

Younger older

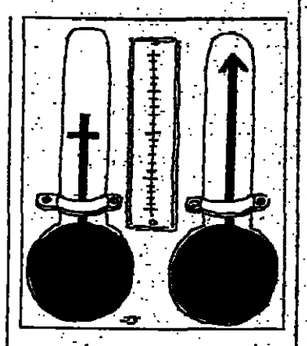
IT IS reported that scientists working on the assumption that women have a higher threshold to pain than men are experimenting with adding oestrogen, the female sex hormone, to painkilling drugs.

The initial suggestion, that this would have "far-reaching effects for men", must be one of the medical understatements of the year if the reverse experience of giving women testosterone, the male hormone, is any guide.

Some doctors argue that women who have had their ovaries removed lose their testosterone as well as the essentially female hormones, and add testosterone to the hormone replacement cocktail they prescribe.

Testosterone is in part responsible for a woman's sexual drive and also her assertiveness; it is the increasing proportion of testosterone to the diminishing levels of female hormones that gives an older woman her ability to command, whether on a magistrates bench or in the Cabinet room.

Faith Haddad, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, London, and the Garden Hospital, Hendon, says that while not dismissing the value, on occasion, of testosterone implants



they could have "some disadvantages". Mrs Haddad has found that as well as causing virilism, including increased facial hair and acne, supplements of testosterone could give rise to psychological changes. In one recent case, previously treated by another gynaecologist with a testosterone implant, the hormone's ability to increase the libido was all too successful.

The woman, a demure West Country housewife, complained that she was having up to ten orgasms a day, triggered by no more than thoughts. "To restore some forcefulness to a middle-aged woman's character is one thing," Mrs Haddad says, "but this made a complete mess of her life." After a change in the formula of her HRT (hormone replacement therapy) the woman's domestic balance was safely re-established.

The benefits of HRT are now well established. The therapy prevents bone loss, and hence the all-too-often fatal or disabling fractures, it keeps the woman's spine straight, corrects her menopausal mood changes and ensures a less wrinkled complexion and youthful genitalia.

However, one advantage of HRT that is often overlooked is its protective effect on the cardiovascular system. Without it, a menopausal woman's coronary and cerebral arteries lose their female superiority and become as vulnerable to strokes and heart attacks as those of men. One group of women who should have HRT — as long as there are no contraindications, such as a liability to breast cancer or liver disease — are those who have had their ovaries removed or an early hysterectomy. A recent survey by Dr Tony Seeley of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, reported in the *British Journal of Sexual Medicine* found that in Glasgow only 46 per cent of women, and in London only 23 per cent, who had had their ovaries taken away during surgery were later prescribed HRT. Without HRT a woman who had the operation at 30 will, at 50, have the bone structure of a 70-year-old.

The situation is less severe for those who have had an early hysterectomy. Even if the ovaries are left behind they are usually affected by the surgery and fail five years earlier than would otherwise have been the case.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

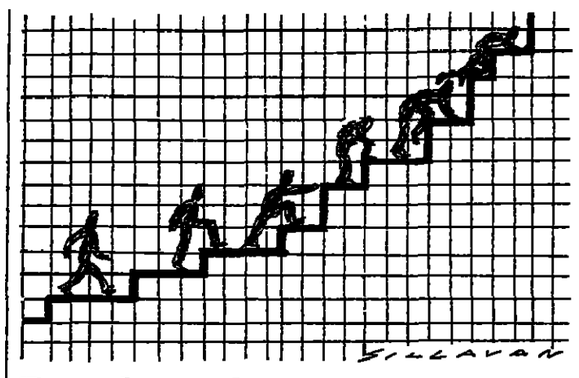
Kid's stuff

BEFORE the national breweries swept away local brews, generations of Norfolk adolescents were introduced to the restorative powers of a pint or two of Bullard's beer. But during the 1930s one of the Bullard family deserted brewing and, instead, kept a large herd of goats. Miss Bullard — as she was known by all — maintained that by substituting goat's milk for cow's milk, the local children were not only protected from the dangers of bovine tuberculosis, but would be spared asthma and eczema.

The experiment was not an unqualified success. One local doctor's son whose father believed Miss Bullard's sales talk implicitly, still wheezed and scratched throughout his early childhood and also suffered throughout one summer from severe tuberculous mesenteric adenitis, TB of the gut and abdominal glands. More recently, attempts have been made to reduce the incidence of allergic diseases in children by giving those who have a strong family history of allergy milk prepared from soya rather than cow's milk.

A recent report in the Archives of Diseases in Childhood casts doubt on earlier suggestions that the use of soya milk in infancy reduces the number of cases of allergic diseases in childhood. A research team led by Dr Michael Burr of the Centre for Applied Public Health Medicine in Cardiff found that soya milk was no more effective than Miss Bullard's goats milk had been 60 years ago.

Dr Burr showed from a study of 453 children that substituting cow's milk with soya milk in early infancy did not decrease the frequency from which they were likely to suffer from eczema, asthma, wheezing or allergic rhinitis (runny noses) in the seven years he followed their progress.



Breathe easier

THE dramatic symptoms of a coronary thrombosis and the obvious restriction which angina places on exercise and other activities have tended to detract from the dangers, and inconveniences, of heart failure which, although it may develop slowly and assiduously, can be just as life-threatening.

The introduction of the ACE inhibitors now means that the prognosis for patients with heart failure, both in terms of life expectancy and quality of life, can be improved and their symptoms alleviated by the prescription of appropriate medicines.

One symptom of patients with heart failure is a breathlessness which to the doctor sometimes seems to be greater than would be expected from consideration of the patient's cardiovascular state.

Recent research from the Royal Free Hospital, London, reported in the *European Heart Journal* and quoted in *Pulse* magazine, suggests that patients with chronic heart failure may also develop broncho-constriction, a wheeze, even when resting.

When added to the patients' other treatment, inhaled bronchodilators, such as those given to asthmatics, were found to improve their ability to take exercise and also made them less breathless when resting.

Looking into the face of a dead man

Will limb and face transplants from corpses be acceptable to the living? **Jeremy Laurance** reports

Fingers and thumbs, hands, arms and ears might soon be taken from dead donors to replace damaged or diseased ones in living patients. A solution in "spare part surgery" may be imminent as techniques and better tissue matching open up the possibility of transplanting a range of body parts which have not been considered suitable for transplant before.

Already the human hip or knee joint can be replaced with better results than an artificial one. The scalp, the penis or any part of the body which ought to have its own blood supply in order to survive without supplying blood might be transplanted. Surgeons are also considering a "full face" transplant for victims of burns victims disfigured in accidents or in war.

The first successful transplant of a limb, 25 years ago of an artery from a dead donor into the leg of a patient who had lost part of his hand marks the beginning of a new phase in reconstructive surgery. It is the forerunner of a transplant of this kind which has been performed in China. The new artery, which replaced the patient's diseased one, is functioning well.

Surgeons continue down the road, transplanting spare parts rather than whole organs. But it will raise new ethical and cultural dilemmas. The spectre of Dr Frankenstein will loom. A transplanted liver is a lifesaver and, more important, is out of sight. But a transplanted hand would be a constant reminder of someone else's life. The hands are the only parts of our bodies we look at all the time.

Kidneys, hearts and livers are anonymous and invisible. But a hand or a part of a face is imbued with qualities specific to its owner. The transplant of these body parts may not be accepted as easily as organs are now. Doctors may face the possibility of psychological rejection as well as immunological rejection.

There would also be questions over who should benefit from such transplants. Accident victims who had lost limbs would be obvious candidates but there is no technical reason why the surgery should be limited to replacing missing parts. Degenerate or worn parts of the body, such as the hip joint, could also be replaced with youthful human joints with many years of wear left. The demand for joints such as the hip might then overwhelm the supply.

The development of microvascular surgery, in which tiny arteries and veins are joined together under a microscope, has made limb transplants possible. Bob Window, the policeman whose hand was severed by an assailant wielding a samurai sword, has had it successfully reconnected by a team of plastic surgeons. It is now almost routine for patients who lose a thumb in an accident or for children born with a missing digit to have it replaced by a toe.

"All the corresponding nerves and muscles are joined together so the toe really does function as a thumb," says Simon Kay, a consultant plastic surgeon and a leading practitioner of microsurgery at St James University Hospital, Leeds. He has performed 50 toe-to-thumb transplants in children, for whom the surgery works best because their tissues are still growing, and 20 in adults. "The value of a new thumb generally outweighs the loss of a toe but it would be much more satisfactory if a replacement thumb were obtained from another body."

Up to now it has only been possible to move parts around the same body, because of the problems of rejection. Organs are simple to transplant into a new donor because the blood vessels are large and the rejection comparatively easy to overcome. But skin stimulates a much stronger immune response which requires bigger doses of immunosuppressant drugs to counteract.

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Life after death: Mel Ferrer as a concert pianist, in *The Hands of Orlac*, whose crushed hands are replaced by those of an executed murderer

These drugs have unpleasant side effects, reduce resistance to infection and may be toxic in large doses, causing cancer or damage to the kidneys. But new immunosuppressant drugs with a more selective action are being developed. "The trick is to hit the right bit of the immune system at the right time so that the patient won't die of infection but won't reject the transplant either," says Dr David White, a specialist in transplantation immunology at Cambridge University.

The development of these new drugs will transform the practice of plastic surgery. "If we get a technique of immunosuppression that is safe and free from side effects it will change overnight what we can do," Mr Kay says. "It will certainly be found within my professional lifetime."

Surgeons are already considering the transplant of a whole human face from a donor. James Frame, a consultant at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Essex, a leading plastic surgery centre, says that the operation is technically feasible and would be ethically justified by the desperate, reclusive existence of some burns victims who have suffered dreadful disfigurement. Skin grafts are unsatisfactory because the patches of transferred skin lack the mobility to animate a face.

"Incisions would be made around the back of the head and the scalp and the face would be effectively de-gloved off the skeleton," Mr Frame told the BBC Radio 4 programme *The World this Weekend*. "The advantage of a whole face transplant is that it would include soft pliable tissue that would have colour, shape and form."

Because only a thin layer of tissue would be transferred, the transplanted face would mould itself to the features of the recipient. The patient would not end up looking like someone else. But finding a donor and persuading the relatives to consent to removal of the face would present special difficulties.

The ethical questions raised by the new advances are being considered by a newly established committee of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons. Some specialists believe a wider public debate is needed now. "Success in microsurgery is commonplace and new horizons will keep appearing," Mr Kay says. "We need to be prepared."

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When in Sweden, have a baby

Pampered parents are making the most of generous provision for bringing up children

Think of Europe's fastest breeders and the Swedes do not immediately leap to mind. Prosperous and prudent, they begin to acquire green values such as sustainability before they are even on to solids. For most of this century, Sweden's population has been in decline.

Yet, while nobody was looking, Sweden has increased its birth rate dramatically. In 1980 it stood well below replacement level, at between 1.6 and 1.7 births per woman. Today it is up to 2.1, with only Iceland and Ireland among European countries boasting higher figures.

This does not mean that the world will soon be bursting with Swedes. A birthrate of 2.1 represents replacement level, though the upward trend does mean that Sweden has joined Ireland, Iceland, Poland, Turkey and Cyprus as the only Europeans expecting a natural increase of population over the next few decades.

The situation in much of southern Europe is dramatically different. Spain and Italy have birth rates of a mere 1.3, which means that by 2050, if trends continue, Italy's population will shrink to 40 million from 57 million, while Spain will be 10 million fewer. In Britain and America, the current figure stands below replacement, at 1.9.

Why Sweden should be bucking the trend is a fascinating question, and one that is potentially important to other welfare economies. An attempt to provide answers comes in the first issue of a new journal, *Childhood*, by researchers from the Department of Child and Youth Education at the Institute of Education in Stockholm.

Briefly, the message is that Swedish social policy has made bringing up children so painless and heavily subsidised that it has become a positive pleasure. Support for single mothers, provision of crèches, public services for children, and policies to increase fathers' involvement with their children have reduced the stresses of combining parenthood with employment, argue Bengt-Eric Andersson and his colleagues. The result has been that women have more children.

That may sound unremarkable, except that pro-natalist policies in other countries have consistently failed. France, for example, has demonstrated for decades how difficult it is to persuade people to have more children. Super-intensive welfare may have succeeded where exhortations to fill the world with Frenchmen have failed.

The increase in the Swedish birth-rate is not a consequence of runaway teenage pregnancies. In spite of permissive attitudes, teenage births are low. The highest birth rate occurs at around 30; half the Swedish children born in 1990 had mothers between 29 and 32 years old. This suggests that having children is the result of conscious decision rather than accident.

There is also a built-in inducement to have children in rapid succession, because of the way in which maternity benefits are structured. A woman's benefits are based on her salary, (12 months' leave at 90 per cent of salary) so are higher for women in full-time employment, generally those expecting their first child.

But if women then have a second child within two and a half years, their benefits are still calculated from their full-time salaries, rather than the part-time work most do after becoming mothers. (This being Sweden, fathers can opt for parental leave as well, on the same terms, though not at the same time as their partners.) "The birth statistics indicate quite clearly that parents take advantage of the situation," the researchers write.

If a child falls ill, either parent has almost unlimited rights to paid leave to look after it. The taxation system, which is highly progressive, encourages women to work since they can bring home more than their partners can by doing extra overtime. Day care, used by half pre school-age children, has made this possible. Family allowances are 50 per cent higher for the third child, and double for the fourth.

What will happen if the birth rate goes on rising? At what point will the Swedish desire for environmental sustainability clash with policies that make child-rearing so easy? This is conjecture, of course; but the Swedish experience suggests that if zero population growth is the ultimate aim, welfare policies may need to be designed more carefully.

For the moment, the Swedes can rest content that their numbers are not condemned to diminish for ever, though they are paying heavily for the social provision that has apparently made it possible.

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■ The word 'selfish' does not begin to describe what most women find objectionable in male behaviour

What do women want? asks the ancient riddle. More to the point: why are we so bad at getting what we want? In honour of *Women into Politics* week, Matthew Parris made a contribution to the debate on this page on Monday. Women are handicapped, he said, because they do not get the sort of unequivocal love from their mothers that men receive. As a mother of daughters, who was once, needless to say, the daughter of a mother, I cannot agree. Certainly there are men whose personalities are marked forever by maternal adoration. Sigmund Freud wrote that the man who was the undisputed favourite of his mother walked through life like a god.

But the kind of wild, uncritical mother-love that Mr Parris described is felt as much for daughters as for sons. What makes a difference in its effect is that for a boy, that love comes from the parent of the opposite sex. There are few fathers who give the unconditional approval to their daughters that would count in the same way, providing them with the same sexual ego-strength with which men confront the world.

There may be some good (or at least understandable) reasons for this. Incest — of the real physical sort, rather then the Freudian suppressed type — is more of a threat in father-daughter relationships. A man must guard himself against too much overt affection toward his girl children. As girls approach puberty, this prohibition usually takes the form of self-consciousness and a hostility which is really sublimated sexual tension. But to the daughter it comes across as personal rejection. It is the beginning of that permanent insecurity which gives rise to all the famous weaknesses of women in academic and working life: the over-cautious fear of criticism which prevents women taking risks and competing for the highest goals.

My theory of male success and female self-defeat rests not on the over-abundance of maternal love for boys, but on the early withdrawal of displays of that love. Having produced only female children, I was never forced into any decreed severing of physical intimacy with them. Our relationship evolved painlessly from the symbiosis of babyhood into casual affection. Even now that they are young adults, we are still free to embrace or to weep in each others' arms. But boys in our culture must accept an end to physical comfort and cuddling at a severely young age.

In many families (particularly militantly Anglo-Saxon ones), six and seven-year-old boys are scarcely touched by their parents, and are not expected to express any need for such contact. The brutalising effect of this ejection from infant paradise must be devastating. Its intended result, of course, is to build self-reliance and force men to suppress their emotional vulnerability: when no one is willing to comfort you, you cannot afford to be wounded too deeply. So men distance themselves from their own feelings in order to survive, and they also learn, in their emotional exile, to cope alone. There is no point in being dependent on other people, whether for affection or approval.

To women, it sounds a heart-breaking story. But the sad truth for us is that although the male lifestyle may be lonely, it works. By isolating males in this way — cutting them off from emotional succour — we free them from that crippling sensitivity to the opinions of others which dogs women. Girls, by maintaining their emotional lives in a more or less unbroken continuity from that first primeval tie to the mother, are not only kept in touch with their own feelings, but also keep alive the empathy with others that such close relations permit. Hence the famous ability of women to sympathise with the needs of other people. This is not a virtue in the true moral sense, because it is not an act of free will. Women cannot help becoming involved in other people's feelings, because they have never lived as psychically isolated beings in the way that men have.

> Ejection from infant paradise is brutalising for boys

The word "selfishness" does not begin to describe what most women find objectionable — indeed, incomprehensible — in male behaviour, which is to say their complete inability to understand what it is like to be someone else. To men, women at work seem to be unnecessarily fearful of the reactions of other people. To women, men at work seem determined to treat other human beings as if they were inanimate things which are either functional or dysfunctional. Which is extremely convenient if what you want to do is make use of them, or at least not let them stand in your way.

Women are interested in other people because their natural impulse is to establish relationships with them. Men are interested in bossing other people around, to which end their avoidance of any emotional involvement is a great advantage.

So the standard Western male upbringing is geared to producing not so much confidence as a mild and economically successful form of psychopathy. Which brings us back to where we started. Is this what women really want?

SEND IN THE PEACEKEEPERS

Getting fit for the future

The ostriches should heed the BBC facts, says **John Birt**

The BBC is undergoing the biggest revolution in its history. It is inevitable that those experiencing it should look back with nostalgia. But some of the legends about the great old days now gaining currency need careful examination.

It is claimed that the BBC was perfectly efficient and all this managerial change is unnecessary. Our critics say the reforms are bringing no visible benefit, and that we are drowning under a tide of paper and bureaucracy. As we come up to charter renewal, they say all we needed to do to keep political predators at bay was to carry on making good programmes. That's ostrich-talk. If we hadn't put our house in order, they'd have done it for us.

Why was such drastic reform needed? Because our financial universe was turned upside down and we had to respond or face calamity. For decades the BBC had been cushioned by real annual increases in its income: the government gave rises in the licence fee; the number of households grew, bringing in new fees; income increased as households traded up to colour televisions.

All that has changed. Now there is little growth in the number of households, nearly everyone has a colour set, and the licence fee, after suffering a 3 per cent real cut in 1991, has since been pegged to the retail price index. Our revenue is effectively flat, a serious shock to an organisation cocooned by growth for so long. If we had made no savings, we would now be cutting back over £100 million of programmes from BBC schedules. That's equivalent to the total costs of Radio 1, 2 and 4.

How have we made savings? By examining carefully how the BBC was spending its money. And what we discovered was often quite shocking. The BBC used to operate under an unwieldy, almost Soviet-style command economy, where money was allocated from the top. We didn't really know what individual programmes cost. Programme budgets did not include the cost of studios and resources, so producers had no incentive to know, let alone keep down, costs that were not deducted from their own budgets.

We found we owned facilities vastly in excess of even the peak of our need, and that our overheads were costing us a staggering £300 million a year. Now, for the first time, producers are free to control their whole budgets, and to buy facilities inside or outside the BBC. They have more power and more money than ever before to make programmes.

To those who say they see no benefit in the new system, I offer these hard facts, which seem to surface nowhere in reporting of the BBC. By reducing costs, we have been able to redirect a small fortune into programmes, enough to provide, for instance, an extra 25 hours of television drama and an extra 25 hours of high-quality children's programmes this year. It takes time for the benefits of all those savings to appear on the screen, but they are on the way. And it is on the quality of our programmes, not on our internal finance systems, that we shall be judged.

As for the charge that we are snowed under by accountants and bean-counters, the truth is, we now have more people producing programmes, an extra 5 per cent, and fewer in non-programme-making activities. As for a few more accountants, I'd like to give an example. In one of our biggest programme-making areas, spending over £200 million a year, there was not one accountant. More money went into that department, but fewer hours of programmes came out of it, and no one knew quite where the money went, yet it was turning over more than most whole ITV companies. Was hiring accountants there increasing bureaucracy to the detriment of creative talent? Of course not.

Those who say we needed no change should consider seriously whether any government would have renewed our charter, and left us alone, if we hadn't been able to prove that we were getting the best possible value out of licence payers' money. Even now the government has sent in Touche Ross, which is examining our books before fixing the licence fee until 1996. What they will find is a leaner, fitter organisation, spending more money on programmes.

I have the greatest sympathy with those striving to implement the new system. Concern and anxiety among many of the staff is more than understandable. After all, producer choice is a mighty and complex change.

I have no desire to criticise those who used to run the BBC, for many of them have done great service, and have been responsible for some of the best of its programmes. But I do wish they would face up to a changed world, and be open-minded about the benefits of producer choice.

The BBC has many fine traditions. It is the greatest broadcaster in the world, and it holds a unique position in the nation's consciousness. That makes it all too easy to stir up public and staff alarm at the idea that some kind of draconian cost-cutting is about to destroy it. On the contrary, the revolution that Michael Checkland began will be the saving of it, and the results will go out on the airwaves for all to judge.

Affording art for all

As all sources of arts revenue feel the pinch, the nation may be the loser

William Rees-Mogg

In the first two years of John Major's administration, the arts world became quite optimistic about central government funding. Both as the chief secretary to the Treasury and as Secretary of State for Arts, David Mellor was a determined supporter of the arts, in financial terms as well as in personal knowledge and interest. He had the ear of the prime minister, who had himself been sympathetic to the arts budget when he was the chief secretary. Increases were well above inflation.

Even in Mr Mellor's time there were serious problems. Recession reduced sponsorship funds available from industry and affected the box office. Fewer people felt they could afford an evening out at an opera or concert, or at the theatre. Local authorities were also short of funds, and in many cases cut their support for the arts. In the early 1990s, increases in government funding through the Arts Council and the regional boards were therefore offset by reductions in other sources of revenue.

The proposal to cut £5 million from the Arts Council budget has come at a difficult time. The council itself has already decided to cut funding for two of the four London orchestras, for an as yet unnamed list of regional theatres and potentially for Glyndebourne Touring Opera. These are controversial cuts. It is not just a question of reducing public funding for the arts by about 2 per cent (which would be a cut of less than 1 per cent in total funds for the majority of subsidised companies); the problem is one of a general decline in revenue for most art forms.

I served as the chairman of the Arts Council for most of the 1980s. I was appointed in the summer of 1982 and retired in the summer of 1989. For most of that period, the council grant was under pressure. The grant we received was, in most years, roughly constant in real terms. In one or two years it fell somewhat below the level of inflation. In one or two years it went well above inflation. Over the whole period there was a moderate real increase in the grant, but it left many Arts Council companies very short of funds, including the two great London opera houses, the Royal Opera House and the English National Opera. I felt rather like one of those jugglers who keep a dozen plates spinning at once.

Yet in other ways, the 1980s were an easier period than the present. The other sources of revenue were all buoyant. Box office returns were good, particularly in the boom years of the late 1980s; people had money to spend on the arts, and both seat sales and seat prices were tending to increase. Business sponsorship increased from around £500,000 in the mid-1970s to some £30 million by the late 1980s. Local authority funding also increased, particularly in the mid 1980s. As a result, the share of the Arts Council grant in total revenue actually tended to fall.

I welcomed this trend: I was determined to make the case for the arts to government, but I wanted to maximise all the available sources of funds. Some day there was bound to be a recession at the box office; some day the local authorities would find their finances under pressure: business sponsorship always reflects the trend of business profits; central government funding will always vary with the state of the budget. I believed that the arts companies could not safely rely on any one of these sources of revenue, and that over-reliance on state funding through the Arts Council was particularly dangerous. No one could predict what attitude future governments would take or what financial situation they would find themselves in. Arts subsidy is always a relatively low priority in periods of budget deficit.

During the 1980s — and, I am sure, since then — the Arts Council concentrated much attention on making arts companies more viable as businesses. As the secretary-general, Luke Rittner was particularly successful at this. During my period I cannot recall losing a single company for purely financial reasons, apart from one early example with a very incompetent board of management. When a company ran in to trouble, it was more often because it was weak on the administrative side than because it was weak artistically.

There is a natural reason for this. The arts obviously attract the best artists. Music attracts the best musicians; the theatre attracts the best actors, and so on. The arts do not necessarily attract the best businessmen, although they do attract some very good businessmen and managers. The arts generally offer low salaries and little security to accountants and managers, compared to what they could expect in other kinds of business. Inevitably, it is easier to maintain high artistic standards than it is to raise the standards of arts administration. In the 1980s we were comparatively successful in encouraging business training and in helping companies supported by the Arts Council to improve their commercial viability; that gave them some margin to deal with changing circumstances. Even now there has not been the rash of insolvencies which the recession has caused in, say, the construction industry.

I was also very concerned to lower arts companies' expectations about funding. In 1982 it was already clear, as it is now, that public expenditure reviews would be very tight. Margaret Thatcher's governments were committed to stabilising and if possible reducing public expenditure. Inside that framework there were some claims — notably the National Health Service — with much greater political weight than the arts. I had to convince many arts bodies that the expansion Lord Goodman had achieved in the late 1960s was long since over, and that they would have to budget on the basis of a subsidy that was at best stable in real terms. This was an unpopular doctrine, but the survival of all the companies we supported depended on persuading them of the need for a cautious financial policy.

In 1984, the Arts Council produced a new policy document, *The Glory of the Garden*, which emphasised the need for a better balance between arts support in London and in the regions. Although the figures are distorted by the ending of the Greater London Council, we did in fact achieve a substantial shift of resources away from London. This was an Arts Council and not a government policy. As prime minister, Mrs Thatcher was very concerned with support for the great London flagships, and would probably herself have preferred a policy which concentrated more on the international impact of the major metropolitan companies. Nevertheless she accepted the arm's length principle, and the government acquiesced in the policy.

In principle, if not always in detail, this had almost unanimous support of the council. There was more unease about another aspect of Arts Council policy in the 1980s. I was always convinced that arts grants should primarily be a consumer and not a producer subsidy. The aim of arts policy is to provide the public with ample opportunity to benefit from all the major arts forms. This means that the popular arts, in areas where artistic opportunities are limited, need particular support. That includes the regional theatres, and touring. Most dance companies are based in London but depend on touring. Throughout my period, some members of the council would have preferred a subsidy policy aimed more directly at the artist — and particularly the experimental artist.

This is an important political choice, which applies in all areas of subsidy. Ought the health service to exist for the medical and administrative staff, or for the patients? Obviously for the patients. Ought arts funding to be for the artists or for the audiences? When tax funds are concerned, I think the justification has to be one of access for audiences, although patients need doctors and audiences need artists.

Now the outlook is very worrying. What I most feared seems to be happening. There appears to have been some shift in Arts Council preferences, to the disadvantage of regional theatre and touring, on the one hand and in favour of contemporary and experimental work on the other. There is apparently to be a reduction in the council's grant. Local authority funding is under great pressure, and is being cut in some areas. Sponsorship is hard to find. Box office receipts have not recovered fully from the recession, and are still patchy. In these circumstances, the Arts Council, the regional boards and the arts companies themselves deserve all support. The National Lottery is some way off, and its benefit not yet certain. When one source of revenue is restricted, it has often been possible to turn to another. It looks now as if all the sources of revenue are going to be very tight at the same time. That creates a general financial problem for the arts, which could do great harm to Britain.

Lost leader?

THERE is, at last, a genuine green shoot in John Major's backyard. The local post office and corner shop that Great Stukeley lost through recession last year has been replaced. An enterprising resident of Major's Cambridgeshire village has just opened a new post office — in the spare bedroom of his bungalow.

Alec Snitch, a former British Telecom employee, has seized on the gap left by Douglas and Eileen Belcher, whose post office and general store was sadly repossessed last year after they ran up £150,000 worth of debts. Snitch quickly applied for permission to convert part of his house into a post office and has just opened for business, with the full support of the prime minister.

"I received a very nice letter from Mr Major wishing me luck in my new venture. And this week Mrs Major came in for the first time," he says. As yet, Snitch has only modest plans for expansion. "I'm hoping to start selling some greeting cards and stationery soon."

He is, of course, fully aware that the pressures on small shopkeepers in Huntingdon have increased dramatically since the opening of a new Tesco store last year on the outskirts of the town. The Belchers laid part of the blame for the decline in their fortunes on the opening of the store.

But the Major household's loyalty to their local Tesco cannot be called into question. The supermarket even employed the Majors' son as a part-time shelf-stacker last year. So is this why the prime minister came out so strongly in favour of Sunday trading? It could be. The Huntingdon Tesco is open 10am to 4pm every Sunday.

Gagging offence

DESPITE assurances from John Birt and other BBC chiefs that criticism of the corporation is not a hanging offence, one category of employee is still at risk: the amateur cartoonist.

Michael Sullivan, a BBC Television news reporter since 1967 who has a talent as a cartoonist, has apparently been threatened with the sack if his caricatures continue to appear on Television Centre noticeboards. The cause of the rumpus is his drawings of the managing director of news and current affairs, Tony "Head Prefect" Hall, in schoolboy's shorts and blazer.

According to colleagues, the cartoons began to disappear from the noticeboard outside the newsroom; then the noticeboard itself disappeared. When Sullivan persisted with his artistry, he was told by a BBC executive close to Hall that if he drew another caricature or raised his voice again in protest, he would be sacked.

The BBC denies that he has been badly treated, and Sullivan, unlike Mark Tully, appears to have been gagged: "I am not allowed to talk to the press."

● *John Major's libel action against* Scallywag *is forcing the magazine to draw heavily on all manner of resources. It has just signed up Asil Nadir as a new contributor, and his first scribblings appear in next week's issue. "He has agreed to contribute regularly," says the magazine. "This piece is about his experience of being arrested and the problems of modern transport." In a privately chartered plane, presumably.*

What a combination

AFTER all the leaks from Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, the publishers of her memoirs are not taking any chances. Eddie Bell, the chairman of HarperCollins, has hired John Stalker, the former deputy chief constable, to advise on the tightest security in his 25 years of publishing.

"John Stalker is advising us on the printing and distribution. It is very sensitive," he says. Earlier this month publication of Jeffrey Archer's *Honour Among Thieves* was closely guarded. "But the security for the Thatcher memoirs is daunting by comparison," says Bell, who has just had a new, gold-coloured combination-lock fitted to his office door. "I am the only one who knows the combination."

● *Just as well John Birt didn't arrive in Birmingham until yesterday. On Tuesday night, at the Radio Academy annual gala dinner, there was more insubordination — this time from the menu. It kicked off with "fresh leak (sic) and butter bean soup". Delegates were hungry, perhaps, for more of Mark Tully's inside information.*

Old story

IF you run into Michael Crichton this week, don't mention the D-word. Crichton, on whose novel Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* is based, is in London for the film's première tonight and the last leg of the publicity tour. Never has a man looked more weary.

At Mosimann's in Knightsbridge on Tuesday night, he was visibly flagging. "I thought Wednesday was to be my last day of interviews but I've just been told I'll have to do more at the première. I thought I had seen the last of the D-word. But now I am told I have to do more. I'll be glad when it will all be finished."

His cynicism extends to Universal, the film company which made *Jurassic Park*. When asked whether the recent publicity for real-life scientific discoveries similar to those in the film was orchestrated by Universal, he said: "Universal can hardly get the actors to the set on time. That kind of publicity would be completely beyond them. No, I should think the scientists organised it that way to get maximum publicity for their work."

Tomorrow morning he and his wife fly to Italy for a restful holiday before his next project — a version of *Gulliver's Travels*. Which figures — for Crichton is 6ft 9in.

● *Dangerous times for wee sleekit, cow'rin', tim'rous beasties. An Edinburgh theatre is appealing for unwanted animal pelts to make props for a play for this year's Edinburgh Festival. The Communicado Theatre Company is staging* The Legend of St Julian, *a Flaubert short story, and needs about 40 small animal skins — enough to make a large coat — and a large cat pelt ("complete with head") to use as a rug. Canny beasties have already started awa' — hastily.*

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BROADCASTING TRUTHS

John Birt's critics do not address the problems facing the BBC

For an institution which stands accused of Stalinism and paranoid secretiveness, the BBC is behaving in a commendably open way. It has been impossible to turn on one of its news bulletins in recent days without hearing the sounds of civil war, amplified by insider analysis and comment. First there was the direct personal attack on director-general, John Birt by Mark Tully, the corporation's distinguished India correspondent. Yesterday, Mr Birt defended his reforms and criticised his critics. The BBC is also about to publish a survey of employee attitudes which the director-general admitted will make uncomfortable reading. Rarely has a media organisation brought such heat upon itself.

As for light, however, that is still somewhat harder to find. The BBC is a public institution in flux, driven by political, financial and technological winds which previous BBC employees could not have dreamt of. Although it ought to gain from the sort of vigorous debate which Mr Tully's speech has stimulated, the bitterness of the attacks and the expressions of hostility to all change could hinder the BBC as it approaches its charter renewal in 1996. If morale among BBC employees is as low as Mr Tully claimed, that is a matter that Mr Birt must address. But to call for a less brutal management style is not enough.

Critics of "Birtism", of whom Mr Tully is only the most recent and outspoken, tend to ignore the scale of the difficulties which the BBC leadership was appointed to address — an organisation whose financial base was dwindling rapidly, whose accounting procedures were risible and whose reason for existing was challenged by hostile business rivals and politicians. Fear of redundancy is understandable but has hardly been confined to the BBC in recent years. The morale of the corporation's staff — or if licence payers — would scarcely have been improved by a descent into bankrupt oblivion.

The drive for financial rigour is part of a much broader process of redefinition. Last November, the government's green paper on broadcasting declared that the BBC must be preserved as "a major public service broadcasting organisation", ending speculation that the Conservative agenda was to break up the BBC or make it dependent upon advertising. As rival cable and satellite television channels and commercial radio stations proliferate, the BBC has had to decide whether it should specialise more, offering the kind of high quality programmes which its commercial competitors choose not to make; how it should contribute to the choice and diversity of British broadcasting, without needless duplication; how it can offer a sufficiently wide-ranging bill of fare to justify the universal licence fee.

Mr Birt's reforms are not without flaws. The doctrine of producer choice, which enables producers to shop around for services, has reduced overheads and forced programme-makers to confront the costs of their decisions. Much less studio time is wasted now. But in replacing a command economy with a devolved system of local accountability, the new policy may have gone too far too fast. To compel producers to cost items from cleaning services to reference facilities is ambitious — going well beyond much good industrial practice. It is important that financial devolution does not bury programme-makers in paperwork or reduce policymaking to accountancy.

Producer choice, as Mr Birt pointed out yesterday, is only three months old; it deserves a longer probation period than many within the corporation appear ready to grant. "Bimedialism", the drive for cooperation between BBC television and radio, has already reaped impressive rewards as well as brickbats for jargon. News coverage has become sharper and more analytical in recent years. These are promising auguries. Mr Birt has had a tough baptimism at the BBC. Some of his troubles he has brought upon himself. But if the critics of Birtism have a better map to ensure the BBC's survival, they have yet to reveal it.

THIS LAW IS AN ASS

We are all threatened if armed vandals can kill in "self-defence"

Common sense and common humanity must revolt at the acquittal of Joseph Elliott, a youth charged with murder and manslaughter who admitted fatally stabbing a man who had accosted him for slashing tyres. The case hinged on one of the least satisfactorily defined areas of British law — the right to "self-defence". The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is right to have called for the papers.

The law allows the right to self-defence within the limits of "reasonable force". Mr Elliott, who admitted to being under the influence of both drink and drugs, had been slashing tyres outside the house of his accoster, Robert Osborne. Before giving chase, Mr Osborne had armed himself with a club hammer used in home decorating. He did this, knowing that the youth had been slashing tyres therefore had a knife. The defendant said that he thought he would be hit by the hammer and acted in panic.

Yet the defence did not challenge evidence that Mr Elliott challenged Mr Osborne to come up to a balcony to which he had fled, to talk to him about the cars. There, without warning, the defendant fatally stabbed Mr Osborne. Even leaving aside the disparity between weapons, this surely stretches the definitions both of self-defence and of "reasonable force". Had a policeman with a truncheon given chase and been stabbed after such a challenge, the offender who attacked him would, on this precedent, stand a good chance of acquittal.

Mr Justice Kay's summing up may have been a reasoned statement of the law as it stands. But the jury seems to have been excessively swayed by his advice that a defendant could not be expected to weigh precisely what force was required and that if he "did no more than what he instinctively thought was necessary, that is very strong evidence that the amount of force was reasonable and necessary". Aberrant verdicts are part of any legal system. But there is widespread fear that they are growing in number. A recent survey of 22,000 persons involved with the Crown courts revealed far more widespread concern over aberrant acquittals than wrongful convictions. This verdict will strengthen the case for more attention to the composition of juries.

When the home secretary reviews the papers in this case, however, the most important question for him to consider is the increasingly inconsistent interpretation of "reasonable" self-defence. British law operates according to the unspoken contract whereby the public renounces weapons of self-defence and the authorities protect public order on their behalf. The 1953 Prevention of Crime Act defines anything a person intends to use as a weapon, even in self-defence, as an offensive weapon. Yet Mr Elliott was acquitted.

A number of recent cases has narrowed sharply the definition of "reasonable force" in self-defence by individuals who have used weapons or even martial arts against would-be burglars and vandals in or near their own homes. Yet Mr Elliott has been the beneficiary of a far more lenient interpretation. To discourage vigilante groups must be right; but the law must then be severely enforced against vandals who, like Mr Elliott, admit to regularly carrying weapons such as knives. This verdict will only encourage such dangerous people to arm themselves and threaten society.

TERRORISTS AND KURDS

Turkey must fight terrorism, but show respect for human rights

The promise given to Douglas Hurd by Erdal Inonu, the Turkish deputy prime minister, that Turkey will do all it can to secure the release of the two tourists kidnapped by Kurdish guerrillas is no mere diplomatic nicety. Ankara has deployed some 600 troops and helicopters to find the missing couple. The guerrilla war by the Kurdish PKK separatists is the bloodiest in any Nato state, and the main challenge facing Tansu Ciller, the new prime minister. Another seven paramilitary gendarmes were killed yesterday in PKK raids in eastern Turkey. During a "ceasefire" that ended in May, some 150 people were killed. Since then an estimated 625 have died in a virtual civil war that is now lapping the big cities outside the Kurdish-populated areas.

Casualties on this scale are increasing the pressure by the military for a full-scale assault against the PKK. Already the army has taken the fight into Iraq, pounding PKK bases there. The escalation of raids and reprisals has brought death and destruction to a large number of civilians caught in the crossfire. The military emergency in eastern Turkey has brought accusations of arbitrary arrest, interrogations and torture of the civilian Kurdish population which are all too credible in light of the past grim record of the Turkish army and police. A new bout of repression could further alienate the Kurds from Ankara and play into the hands of hardline PKK Marxists, whose tactics are to seize political advantage from the misery of army reprisals and overreaction.

Mrs Ciller therefore faces a classic dilemma. How can she restrain the military while demonstrating firmness in the face of increased terrorism? How should she respond to the coordinated PKK assault on Turkish embassies and property across Europe, yet persuade fellow politicians to ease the long-standing restrictions on Kurdish language, culture and civilian rights?

Turkey has a history of oppressing the Kurds, as do the other governments across whose territory this much-abused people is spread. The Turkish response to the Kurdish tragedy in Iraq two years ago was lukewarm at best. Nevertheless, prompted by discreet western lobbying, there have been changes. Syria and Iran have promised to close down terrorist bases. A wedge has been driven between the PKK extremists and the Kurds of northern Iraq.

Mrs Ciller has shown signs of awareness that concessions to Kurdish culture must accompany any new security measures. So far she lacks political weight and may not gain it until after municipal elections next year. None of Turkey's friends doubt the need to defeat the PKK. But this must be accomplished with restraint, political tolerance and a concern for human rights: not an easy recipe for winning a guerrilla war.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A hard look at future defence needs

From Mr M. B. H. Ashmore

Sir, It has become the accepted practice for the structure of our armed forces to be based on the commitments of the day. As these commitments have reduced so it has allowed the Secretary of State for Defence to proceed with his policy of piecemeal reductions, as we have seen from the recent white paper (letters, July 8, 9).

The result is that the structure and equipment of the armed forces are becoming seriously distorted. Equipment is being bought for industrial rather than military reasons. Capabilities are being retained against threats which no longer exist.

We are in the process of spending £9 billion on air defence, including the Eurofighter. We are just taking into service a new gun, the SP90, which, in the form of the SP70, was first ordered over 20 years ago. It is so large that it will be difficult to train with it or fire it. We seem determined to maintain strong armoured forces in Germany while the infantry are still hopelessly overstretched.

There appears to be little connection between foreign policy and defence policy. The foreign secretary argues strongly for the retention of our place as a permanent member of the UN Security Council while the Secretary of State for Defence does his best to explain why we should not and cannot do more for the UN.

Other countries maintain their armed forces to cater for the unforeseen. We maintain units, ships and aircraft to meet specific commitments, often more than one commitment at a time. The end of the Cold War suggests we should change that approach.

It is for that reason that we need to take a hard look at defence policy. This re-examination must involve the Foreign Office, the Treasury and Parliament. It is not enough to leave it to defence planners working away in the Ministry of Defence.

Yours faithfully,
M. B. H. ASHMORE,
Cocklaw, Elsrickle,
Biggar, Lanarkshire.
July 11.

From General Sir Martin Farndale

Sir, General Sir Hugh Beach (letter, July 9) apparently wants rid of our now tiny armoured forces in Germany. He appears to have fallen for that dangerous philosophy which we have followed before to our peril, "I see no threat, therefore there is no threat".

One armoured division is an absolute minimum in these unpredictable days and it is vital that we have an army which knows how to operate at this level.

Most of the men in the armoured brigades in Germany spend most of their time meeting emergency tours around the world. Today we need the men of at least 20 regiments per year to meet these tasks.

To give 24 months between tasks, vital for individual and collective training, we need 60 regiments of the Royal Armoured Corps, the Royal Artillery and the infantry. After "Options for Change" there will only be 67, and 22 of these are fully committed around the world. Thus, with only 45 available, tour intervals can seldom be more than 12 months and very little meaningful training at brigade or divisional level is possible.

An army that never trains properly above unit level lacks capability and credibility; what is more, commanders lack experience. The complexity of all arms training with modern high-technology weapons today cannot be overstated. Computers and simulators help but in no way do they provide all that is necessary. Modern combat calls for the highest standards of training at all levels, and units and formations must be given time and resources to achieve them.

Already we have lost much capability due to the flawed "Options" plan. Thus, if we have misjudged the future by a fraction, our ability to act above unit level is already in question.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN FARNDALE,
The East India Club,
16 St James's Square, SW1.
July 11.

From Captain G. A. S. C. Wilson, RN (retd)

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Losing a paramilitary war", July 7) recalls that the Royal Navy lobbied "fanatically" for a fourth Trident submarine. This was government policy, the logic of which was firmly validated over recent years, and now there is the additional low-cost option of a sub-strategic role.

Nuclear submarines are exceptionally capable and flexible, but diesel submarines were only abandoned because of financial pressure and at a price. Britain alone operated submarines inside the Gulf in the 1991 conflict, and now that shallow-water capability will be lost.

The reduction to about 35 frigates and destroyers stretches the Navy to the very limit. When all operational commitments, including support for the UK aircraft carriers (of which there are three, not "any number") in the Adriatic, are added up, the total is alarmingly small and would soon appear inadequate if major operations were required.

Had there been a threat to the 146 vessels chartered to move British armour and military equipment to the Gulf in 1990-1, substantially more forces would have been required to protect this vital link, which provided over 90 per cent of the logistic support for the operation.

We might not be so lucky next time. There are over 20 navies of Third World and emerging nations possessing between them more than 200 submarines.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON WILSON,
Admers, Liphook, Hampshire.

Peer review of surgical standards

From Dr H. Burns

Sir, Mr Robert Macfarlane (letter, July 5) cautions against publication of audits of surgeons' results. He suggests that Glasgow's policy of purchasing care for teratoma patients at one institution is based on the results of "a few bald statistics". The data on which this policy is based recently appeared in *The Lancet*, a journal not noted for publishing scientifically unsound work.

It showed clearly that one-centre-out of several in the west of Scotland was achieving more long-term survivals for this disease, allowing for age, stage of disease and treatment offered. I wonder if he seriously suggests that Glasgow purchasers ignore this finding and continue to send patients to hospitals unable to achieve a better survival.

Clearly, a sensible analysis of outcome requires proper consideration of associated risk factors and statistical methods are available to allow such analysis. It is in the interests of patients that these methods are applied by health care purchasers.

I disagree with Mr Macfarlane's view that internal peer-review audit is a safer way to maintain standards. In the course of 15 years working as a surgeon I encountered many instances of colleagues unwilling to change their clinical practice, even when confronted with unpalatable audit results.

From the correspondence I have received since the *Panorama* programme of June 28, "Bad Medicine", it is clear that the public is increasingly unwilling to accept the paternalistic view that doctors know best when setting standards of care. I believe that the doctor/patient relationship would best be served by an open examination of clinical standards.

Yours faithfully,
H. BURNS
(Acting Director of Public Health),
Greater Glasgow Health Board,
112 Ingram Street,
Glasgow.
July 6.

From Mr Stephen Bradshaw

Sir, Professor Miles Irving (letter, July 5) suggests that our *Panorama* programme, "Bad Medicine", did not reflect the view of Royal College of Surgeons representatives that "surgeons' results should be available *generally*" (my italics).

But the issue we raised was whether they should be available *individually* — by surgeon, surgical team, or hospital. Patients who are referred to individuals with worrying statistics mentioned in "Bad Medicine" will not be helped by reassurances that surgical results are "generally" satisfactory.

Professor Irving says we chose not to show interviews with royal college representatives. However, we did not drop any. He may be referring to the traditional editing of interviews. This edition of *Panorama* was not a live programme.

He says we did not mention the willingness of most surgeons to accept the royal college's invitation to report peri-operative deaths. But it is surely those who do *not* comply who are the potential cause of concern. The college imposes no disciplinary sanctions on such members.

Mr Robert Macfarlane is right to raise the complexity of league tables for surgeons' and hospitals' results. No one denies there is scope for confusion and mischief, and "Bad Medicine" pointed out some of the dangers.

However, our programme also showed the work done in the state of Pennsylvania, whose Health Care Cost Containment Council claims to have solved the most serious problems — at least for some conditions — and now publishes a consumer guide to hospitals and surgeons.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN BRADSHAW
(Reporter), *Panorama*,
BBC White City,
201 Wood Lane, W12.
July 9.

From Professor Thomas Sherwood

Sir, In any calculation of surgical excellence there must be pressing links between your correspondents' caution and Simon Jenkins's article, "In the service of numbers" (July 3), in which he says that statistical assessment of the professions is putting more and more power into the hands of central government.

The gist is that ideals of judgment and trust, ingrained attributes in British doctors and their medical schools, are being eased down the numbers chute. What is best for patients?

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS SHERWOOD
(Clinical Dean),
University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Cambridge.
July 6.

News on TV

From Mr Terence Feely

Sir, Nobody, least of all the lawyers who drew up the small print for the destructive auction of our independent television licences, gave ITN a divine dispensation to lob its stale buns at us at 10pm from here to infinity (letters, June 30, July 1, 5, 7).

Much has been made of the fact that *News at Ten* has a 60-minute edge on the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News* in providing the latest and freshest news, yet last week it was beaten to the punch on the missile attack on Baghdad by both CNN and Sky News.

Much has also been made of its proud boast that it gives us the last vote of the day in Parliament. I think it can be said with some confidence that the nation does not sit paralysed with tension on the edge of its sofas waiting for that.

Those fighting for the preservation of "news" at special times are in the position of generals fighting the war before last.

In radio days "the news" on the BBC cemented the nation. Today we are on the brink of "news datacom", the "smart box", the vast viewer-driven jukebox in the sky made possible by the latest digital techniques, which will turn electronic news into one more commodity, neither more nor less important than its expertise makes it.

News at Ten is now a waste of money and great talent. It has become, like the appendix, a vestigial organ. It should be snipped off before it implodes and gives the whole network terminal peritonitis.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE FEELY,
Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.
July 8.

Policing of the East

From Mr Mark Almond

Sir, According to Professor Geoffrey Hosking ("West must let Yeltsin police the East", July 6) there is "no alternative" to accepting the Kremlin's demand for special rights in republics with either Russian minorities, or even just Russian-speakers, in what it calls the "near abroad".

Even if peace at any price is the goal it is not clear that the Russian army is capable of producing more than sullen obedience and then only at the cost of producing war first. It is the Russian 14th army which is the source of destabilisation in Moldova.

In Tadjikistan, it was the 201 motor rifle division plus two air-mobile units flown in from Russia which toppled the non-communist regime (under the transparent pretext of opposing "Islamic fundamentalism").

Even in the Caucasus, it has been the former Soviet forces who have done much to stimulate the fighting, now throwing their weight behind one side, then the next, but always destabilising the region.

Whatever the flaws of the Latvian and Estonian laws on citizenship, the halt to Russian military withdrawals in those republics is more to do with Russia's strategic interest than concern for minority rights.

It may be right that there is nothing the Western powers can or will do to stop the restoration of Russian imperial power, but they should not encourage it. It will be good neither for us nor the peoples of the ex-Soviet Union, including the long-suffering Russians themselves.

Yours faithfully,
MARK ALMOND,
Oriel College, Oxford.
July 6.

A severed link

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, As announced today, I have come to the conclusion that I can conduct my interfaith work with greater efficiency if I am not affiliated to a political party, and have therefore resigned from the Labour party.

Over the past 20 years you have published a number of letters from me written in my capacity as deputy chairman of the Labour Finance and Industry Group. May I now express my thanks to you for your unfailing courtesy in doing so, unlike other newspapers which have shown their political bias in a variety of ways.

I trust that in the future, when I write to you in my personal capacity, possibly offering constructive criticism of the conduct of affairs in the Labour party, you will consider publishing my letters.

Yours faithfully,
SIGMUND STERNBERG
(Chairman, Executive Committee, International Council of Christians and Jews),
Star House, Grafton Road, NW5.
July 14.

In praise of Gandhi

From Mr Kanwar Natwar-Singh

Sir, While sharing Lord Rees-Mogg's lament ("Where are they, the voices of destiny?", July 5) that "the inner guide that showed mankind the way forward has fallen strangely silent", I venture to point out a glaring omission in his list — Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

The debate whether Gandhi was a saint among politicians, or a politician among saints, continues. There is no dispute about the moral grandeur of his life. Gandhi often spoke of the "inner voice" which showed him "the way forward".

He may not have succeeded in spiritualising politics; he certainly enriched the quality and raised the level of the Indian freedom movement, which produced world-wide ramifications.

Yours etc,
K. NATWAR-SINGH,
Garrick Club,
Garrick Street, WC2.
July 6.

Law and the deaf

From the Chairman of the RNID

Sir, The RNID welcomes the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (details, July 7) concerning the provision of interpreting services for deaf and hard-of-hearing people within the criminal justice system. The commission has shown a clear understanding of the needs of 17 per cent of the population and that proper access to information and communication is not a privilege but a basic civil right.

However, we must express concern over the provision of adequate funds to ensure defendants have access to qualified interpreters whilst in police stations, usually the point of entry into the system. It is at this stage that clear and accurate communication is of paramount importance. This requires free and readily available access to qualified interpreters.

The royal commission recommends that the cost of providing interpreters at this stage should be met by state funding. We trust that the Lord Chancellor's office will commit the necessary additional funding to safeguard the rights of the deaf and hard-of-hearing within the judicial system.

Yours faithfully,
JIM GREAR,
Chairman, Royal National Institute for Deaf People,
105 Gower Street, WC1.

Removing travellers

From Mr J. H. D. Heath

Sir, I wonder if the home secretary is aware of the "conspiracy" that has existed between previous home secretaries and chief constables whereby section 39 of the Public Order Act 1986 is rendered impotent. Under section 39, when 12 or more vehicles are on another's land without permission (for example, those belonging to New Age travellers) a police officer may require them to move.

If they fail to move their drivers commit offences liable to imprisonment or fine. A constable in uniform who reasonably suspects that a person is committing an offence under this section may arrest that person without warrant.

I am informed by police officers that the Home Office, one imagines with the sanction and approval of the home secretary, has issued a direction to chief constables that this provision should not be implemented if they feel that would exacerbate a situation. The police are only too happy to take this opportunity to evade their responsibilities.

The police officer's oath commits him to enforcing the law "without fear of favour, affection or illwill". The home secretary's direction overrides a provision that Parliament made to protect a part of the community. I wonder if Parliament is aware of this.

As a solicitor consulted by clients whose land is frequently trespassed in a manner in which the Public Order Act sought to offer a remedy, I have never encountered a situation where the police have acted under section 39.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. D. HEATH,
26 Nicholas Street, Chester.

Cause of crime

From Mr George Welham

Sir, It is *not*, as Valerie Grove asserts (Interview with Ralph Kanter, July 9), "a ludicrous fact of modern life that cars cause crime. They invite it". It *is* a fact that criminals cause crime.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WELHAM,
47a Westbourne Terrace, W2.

Fair shares

From Mr Stephen Stockwell

Sir, Perhaps when voting on Sunday trading for others (report, July 14), honourable members of Parliament should also vote for Sunday sittings of the House. And why not have that vote on a Sunday?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN STOCKWELL,
10 Berkeley Place, Wimbledon, SW19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 14: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at Dinner this evening by the Royal Society of Arts to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of Her Majesty becoming Patron and His Royal Highness becoming President of the society and were received by the Chairman (Mr Michael Frye) and the Director (Mr Christopher Lucas).

The Lady Farnham and Sir Kenneth Scott were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace at which The Prince Edward, Trustee, was also present.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 14: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award UK Trustees at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness was represented by the Lady Renfrew of Kaimsthorn at the Funeral of the Rev Canon James Owen which was held at St Mary the Less, Cambridge, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
The Prince of Wales, Chancellor, University of Wales, this morning officiated at the Degree Ceremony at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and was received by Major W Kemmis Buckley (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed).

His Royal Highness, this afternoon visited Conwy and Llandudno to meet people affected by the recent flooding and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees). Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales later visited Shropshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr John Dugdale).

His Royal Highness first visited a waste refineries digester at Unit 3, the Home, Eaton, Bishop's Castle.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Almshouse Association, afterwards visited Hosyer's Almshouses, Ludlow.

Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 14: The Princess of Wales this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from a visit to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The Lady Sarah McCorquodale, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
The Duchess of Gloucester was represented by the Right Hon Sir Peter Emery, MP (Chairman, National Asthma Campaign) at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Helen Wilde (Vice-Patron, National Asthma Campaign) which was held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster SW1.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
July 14: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited HMS Sultan, the Royal Naval School of Marine Engineering, Gosport, Hampshire.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

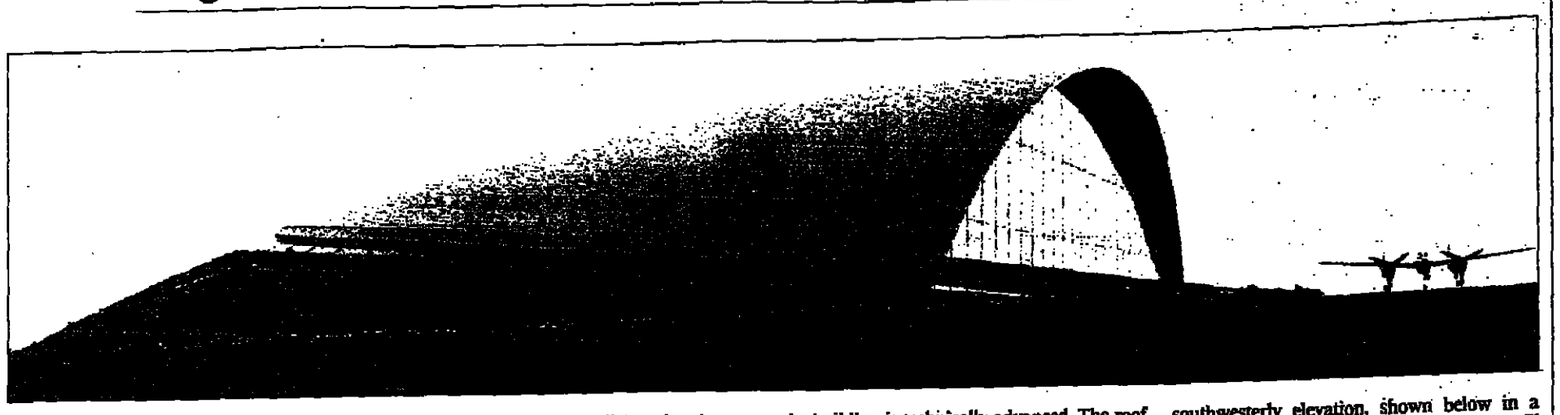
The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Yehudi Menuhin School, this evening attended a 30th Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1.

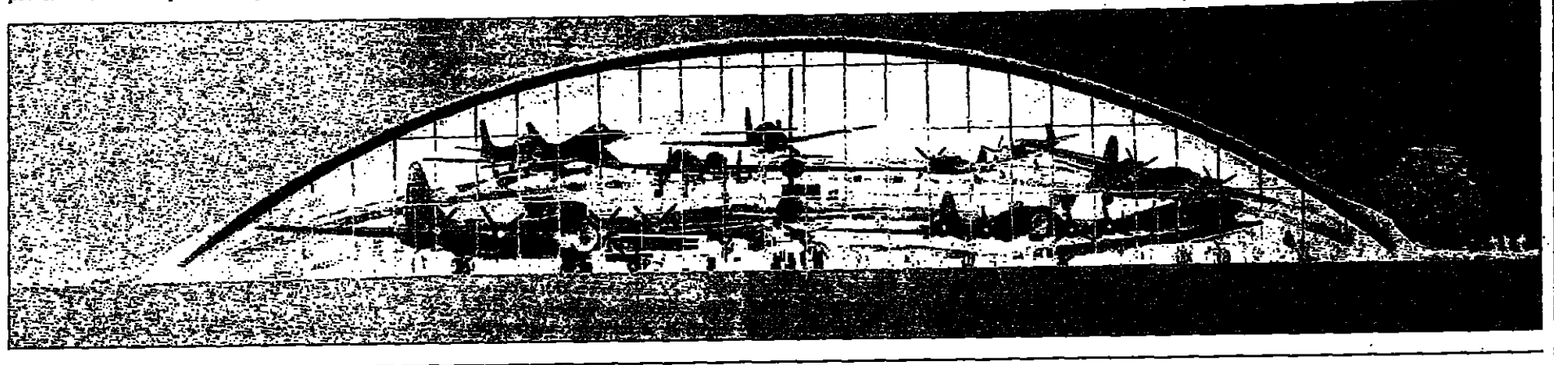
Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this evening attended a Dinner at The Queen's Guard, St James's Palace, London SW1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon attended the Annual Day of the Royal School, Hampstead, London NW3. Mrs Peter Allen was in attendance.

Flight of fancy will house historic American war planes





Museum piece: the architect Sir Norman Foster has produced this imaginative design for a giant hangar to house on two floors the Imperial War Museum's collection of American aircraft at Duxford, Cambridgeshire. At present most are kept in the open air where they face rain, damp and all the other dangers of English weather. A fund raising appeal began five years ago and now, with the launch of the British appeal, detailed designs are complete and ready for construction. The project is expected to cost £7.2 million. Much of the building is technically advanced. The roof uses only five concrete components which are cast in repeated units of 12m x 4m. It was developed by Sir Norman Foster and Partners and Ove Arup and Partners with a number of concrete specialists. The entire 90 metre long southwesterly elevation, shown below in a model, will be glazed with a system which will use the largest single glazed laminated panels made. The building is designed to use energy economically and natural daylight, and to blend into the surrounding landscape.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Inigo Jones, architect, London, 1573; Rembrandt, painter, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1606; Sir Richard Westmacott, sculptor, London, 1775; Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster 1865-92, Totteridge, Hertfordshire, 1808; Vilfredo Pareto, economist, Paris, 1848; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of *The Times* 1908-22, Dublin, 1865; Dame Marie Tempest, actress, London, 1866; José Enrique Rodó, philosopher, Montevideo, 1872.

DEATHS: Rudolf I, Holy Roman emperor, founder of the Hapsburg dynasty, Spires, 1291; James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of King Charles II, executed, London, 1685; John Wilson, botanist, Kendal, Cumbria, 1751; Thomas Dermody, poet, London, 1802; Jean-Antoine Houdon, sculptor, Paris, 1828; Winthrop Mackworth Praed, poet and politician, London, 1839; Karl Czerny, pianist and music teacher, Vienna, 1857; Gottfried Keller, novelist and poet, Hottingen, 1890; Anton Chekhov, author, Badenweiler, Germany, 1904; Emil Fischer, chemist, Nobel laureate 1902, Wannsee, Berlin, 1919; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1929; John Joseph Pershing, C-in-C of American troops in World War I, Washington, 1948; Ernst Bloch, composer, Portland, Oregon, 1959; Paul Gallico, novelist, Canada, 1976.

Today is St Swithin's Day.

Jerusalem was taken by the Crusaders, 1099.

The Royal Society received its charter, 1662.

Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the captain of *HMS Bellerophon*, 1815.

Chartist riots in Birmingham, 1839

The National Insurance Act came into force in Britain, 1912.

Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball 1993

The Duchess of Somerset will be guest of honour at Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball to be held on Monday, September 20, at Grosvenor House. Friends of Queen Charlotte's Hospital are kindly asked to support this event. All enquiries to the Birthday Ball Office, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Telephone 081 741 4655.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4.00. The Duke and Duchess of Kent will also attend.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will unveil a memorial to the Old Contemptibles in Westminster Abbey at 4.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Natural History Museum and of Turning Point, will attend the film premiere of *Jurassic Park* at the Empire, Leicester Square, at 7.50.

Prince Edward will attend a reception to mark the opening of Harambee '93 international youth conference at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, at 6.15.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, will attend a lecture at the institute in Whitehall at 12.30.

Princess Alexandra, as vice president, will visit the British Red Cross Northumbria branch headquarters at Croft House, Western Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at 1.35; will open Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington, Northumberland, at 4.20; and will open the refurbished Sheraton Grand Hotel in Edinburgh at 6.15.

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

The Princess Royal was a speaker at the Second Residential Meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene held on July 6 at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Dr B.S. Blumberg, Professor R.G.A. Feachem and Dr D.J. Krogstad also spoke.

At the AGM held afterwards the following Officers were elected: President, Dr G.C. Cook; Vice-Presidents, Brigadier G.O. Cowan and Dr V.R. Southgate; Honorary Treasurer, Dr D.A. Evans; Honorary Secretaries, Dr D.C. Barker and Dr S.G. Wright. Honorary Fellowships of the Society were conferred on The Princess Royal, Professor M.S.R. Hutt, Dr H.T. Mahler and Professor E.H.O. Parry.

Archaeology's first TV star gets recognition

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH Heritage is to erect a memorial plaque to Sir Mortimer Wheeler, the eminent archaeologist who died in 1976. The plaque will be unveiled this autumn at 27, Whitcomb Street, near the National Gallery in London: Wheeler lived there until shortly before his death.

During his lifetime, Sir Mortimer Wheeler epitomised archaeology for the general public. Already famous for his excavations in Wales and at Maiden Castle in Dorset in the 1930s, his distinguished moustachioed presence made an immediate hit in the early days of television after the war.

Together with the late Glyn Daniel, he was one of the stars of "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?", an archaeological quiz show in which museums challenged a panel of experts to identify objects from their collections. Wheeler's ability to pass off his occasional ignorance with a good joke was impressive, as was the panache with which he and Daniel tucked into a re-creation of the muesli-like final meal found in the stomach of one of the Danish bog bodies.

Sir Mortimer: linked the humanities and sciences

His professional reputation, as president of the Society of Antiquaries, secretary and reviver of the British Academy, and builder of bridges between the humanities and sciences in the interests of a broader conception of archaeology (he was elected FRS in 1968), was robust enough to withstand the obloquy often heaped on those who are too publicly successful. English Heritage's initiative will be widely approved.

Birthdays today

The Sultan of Brunei celebrates his birthday today.

Mr John Balding, racehorse trainer, 48; Professor Sir James Ball, chairman, Legal and General, 60; Dr Jocelyn Bell Burnell, astronomer, 50; Sir Jeffrey Benson, former chairman, The 600 Group, 71; Sir Harrison Birtwistle, composer, 59; Mr Julian Bream, guitarist and lutenist, 60; Mr Geoffrey Burgon, composer, 52; Lord Buxton of Alsa, 75; Miss Carmen Callil, publisher, 55; Mr Robert Conquest, writer, 76; Professor Sir David Cox, warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 69; Sir Alexander Durie, a former vice-president, AA, 78; Mr M.A. Elliott, former general administrator, National Theatre, 57; Air Marshal the Rev Sir Paterson Fraser, 86; Sir Simon Gourlay, former president, National Farmers' Union, 59; Mr R. Hammond Innes, author, 80; Mrs Ann Jellicoe, playwright and director, 66; Mr C.H. Kelly, chief constable, Staffordshire, 63; Sir Larry Lamb, former editor, *Daily Express*, 64; Professor Brenda Milner, neuropsychologist, 75; Dame Iris Murdoch, novelist, 74; Mrs Juliet Pannett, painter, 82; Mrs Marion Roe, MP, 57; Miss Linda Ronstadt, singer, 47; Lord Shackleton, KG, 52; Mr Ron Smith, trades unionist, 78; Air Chief Marshal Sir Ruthven Wade, 75.

Memorial service

Mrs Helen Wilde
The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, was represented by Sir Peter Emery, MP, chairman of the council, at the service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Helen Wilde held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by Canon Leonard Dryden. Miss Margaret Harrison, sister, and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, President of the National Asthma Campaign, read the lessons. Dr A.W. Frankland, a vice-president, gave an address.

Dinners

The Law Society
Mr Mark Sheldon, President of the Law Society, the vice-president and the council gave a dinner last night at the Law Society's hall. The guests included:
Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Lord Griffiths, Lord Hope, Lord Slynn of Hadley, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Thomas Bingham, Sir Donald Nicholls, Mr Justice Brooke, Sir Thomas Legg, QC, Mr Justice Sachs, Sir Desmond Heap, Judge R.A. Richardson, Mr G.A. Hosker, QC, Mr J.J. Rowe, QC, and Mr J.M. Taylor, MP.

British Museum
To mark the fourth annual Vladimir G Lukonin Memorial Seminar, Dr R.G.W. Anderson, Director of the British Museum, and Mrs Anderson gave a dinner last night at the museum in honour of Dr and Mrs Raymond Sackler.

Wax Chandlers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Wax Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Dr Harry Riches; Upper Warden, Mr Gordon Plamer; Renter Warden, Lieutenant Commander Nicholas Bailey.

Watermen and Lightermen

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr P.D.T. Roberts; Senior Warden, Mr J.K. Badcock; Junior Wardens, Mr A.H. Howard, Mr D. Allen and Captain P.M. Edge.

University news

Cambridge
Peterhouse
The following election has been made from July 8:
Honorary Fellowship: The Rev Professor Henry Chadwick, (Master 1987-1993).

London
King's College
The Council has approved the appointment of the Rev Dr Richard Alan Burridge as Dean of the College, from September 1, 1994. He succeeds the Rev Canon Reginald Askew, who is retiring. Dr Burridge joins King's from the University of Exeter where he is Lazenby Chaplain and part-time Lecturer in the Department of Theology and of Classics and Ancient History.

Durham
Dr John Hogan to be Academic Registrar from October 1. Dr Hogan is currently Senior Assistant Registrar at the University of Warwick.

Manchester
Recent grants include:
A. & F.R.C.
Factors controlling foraging in a pest species of slug, Dr S E R Bailey and Dr C R McCrohan, £117,178.
E.S.R.C.
The effect of environmental assessment on planning decisions, Professor C M Wood, £72,150.
Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine
Defining the mechanisms of membrane protein sorting in yeast, Dr C J Stirling, £184,205.
S.E.R.C.
Ultra high resolution analysis of materials, Professor G W Lorimer, £292,371.
Development in application of synchrotron radiation in macromolecular crystallography, Professor J R Helliwell, £191,654.
The development of vesicular systems with bactericidal properties, Dr M N Jones, £172,481.
Model-based interpretation of 3D medical images, Professor C J Taylor, £168,463.
A development method for concurrent (object based) programs, Professor C B Jones, £172,449.
Synergen Inc.
Support for research with BGF, TNFbp and LL-ira, Dr N J Rothwell, £100,000.
Wellcome Trust
A study of serotonin, impulsive aggressive behaviour and the frontal lobe, Dr L Anderson, £139,177.

Appointments

Michael Guy Vicat Harrison QC to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

Elizabeth Boyd-Adams, Business Information, Sales and Marketing Director at CCN Systems, part of Great Universal Stores, became Commercial Director of the British Chambers of Commerce in April.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P. Bardwell and Miss L. Godman
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Bardwell, of Crondall, Hampshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Godman, of Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire.

Mr P.L. Cooper and Miss C.A.M. Offer
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Cooper, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and Catherine, daughter of the late Mr A.M. Offer and of Mrs Daye Offer, of Portcullis House, Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr P.V.P. Digwall and Miss S.M. Marsh
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hubert Digwall, of Hamsterley, Co Durham, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Marsh, of Westmill, Hertfordshire.

Mr T.K. Franks and Miss G.V. Cleeve
The engagement is announced between Thomas, second son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Franks, of Maidfield, Kent, and Gina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cleeve, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr A.C. Harper-Smith and Miss A.J. Slann
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mrs I.K. Gedge and the late Mr E.M. Harper-Smith, of St Leonards, Hampshire, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.F. Slann, of Beech, Hampshire.

Mr D.A. Hobbs and Miss R.I. Rose
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Elise Hobbs and the late Mr Richard Hobbs, of Alton, Hampshire, and Roberta, daughter of Major and Mrs Hugh Rose, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr R.C. Hughes and Miss F.M. McNicholas
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr Ronald Hughes and the late Mrs Hughes, of Bassaleg, Gwent, and Fiona, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard McNicholas, of Arkley, Hertfordshire.

Dr C.C. Hull and Miss R.J. Spracklen
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hull, of Charlton, Sussex, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Spracklen, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr T.J.P. Murphy and Miss A.L. Turton
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Marcus Murphy, of Brussels, Belgium, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Turton, of Blakedown, Worcestershire.

Lieutenant T.S. Platt, RN, and Miss E.E. Scott
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Platt, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, and Edwina, daughter of Mrs Callum Scott and the late Mr Callum Scott, of Grimley, Worcestershire.

Mr J.R. Stobart and Miss J.M. Castro
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mrs Margaret Johnstone, of East Sheen, London, and Jessica, daughter of Mr G. Castro, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs A. Borowiec, of Washington DC.

Dr F.M.E. Wadsworth and Dr S.J. Copley
The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Mr and Mrs James Wadsworth, of Icomb, Gloucestershire, and Susan, daughter of Dr Gordon Copley, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, and Mrs Maureen Copley, of Holford, Somerset.

Tallow Chandlers' Company

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Then the Lord came, and standing there called, 'Samuel, Samuel!' as before. Samuel answered, 'Speak, your servant is listening.' 1 Samuel 3 10 (REB)

Thursday, July 8th

BIRTHS

BRACHER - On July 13th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Candida (nee Drury Lowe) and Piers, a son, Barnaby Alexander Patrick.

COURAGE - On July 11th, to Serena (nee Allen) and Robin, a son, Caspar, a brother for Kit.

DENMAN - On July 11th, to Jane and Richard, a daughter, Louisa, a sister for Natasha and Philippa.

DOBBS - On July 2nd at Bangkok, to Nui (nee Pengsupaya) and Leo, a son, Burim.

FOX - On July 7th at Pembury Hospital, to Sue (nee Douglas) and Chris, a lovely daughter, Flora Grace, a sister for Phoebe.

GOODWIN - On 15th June, to Angela (nee Sumter) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Ellen Alexandra Jane.

GREEN - On 10th July 1993, to Deirdre and Jeffrey, a daughter.

HOLMES - On 3rd July 1993, to Fiona (nee Knatchbull) and David, a son Philip Edward Knatchbull, a brother for Polly.

KELLY - On July 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Lori (nee Langton) and Bill, a daughter, Meredith, sister to Caroline.

KNIGHT - On 21st June in Canberra, Australia, to Richard and Patricia (nee Corbidge), a daughter, Verity Joanne Eleanor, a sister for Lawrence and Adrian.

NICHOLLS - On July 8th, to Cathy (nee Betts) and Mark, a son, Jack, a brother for Sarah, Sam, Rosie and Harry.

BIRTHS

O'CONNOR - On July 9th, to Serena (nee Heptinstall) and Christopher, a daughter, Rosanna "Rosie" Agnes, a sister for Olivia and Joshua.

PLUNKET - On July 2nd, to Fiona (nee James) and Charles, a daughter, Olivia Kate, a sister for Emily.

SCHOLFIELD - On July 8th, to Alexandra (nee Martin) and Mark, a son, Henry 'Sebastian' Jeremy.

TAYLOR - On 8th July at The Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Karin (nee Sutton) and Stephen, a daughter, Lucy Katharine, a sister for Jonathan.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

CRAWLEY:GRIFFITHS - John Crawley and Constance Griffiths were married on July 16th 1933. Congratulations from their daughters Jennifer Anderson and Caroline Gladstone, their sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

DEATHS

BIRCH - On July 13th, quietly at his home, John Priestley Birch C.B.E., late of United Africa Co., Sierra Leone, so dearly loved by his wife Daphne. Service at St Andrew's Church, Blagdon, on Monday July 19th at 2pm, followed by private cremation. Please, no flowers but, donations to The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sight Savers) would be welcome, c/o Michael W Rowe Funeral Director, Tumbridge Cottage, Chew Magna, Avon, tel: (0275) 332565.

DEATHS

COHEN - On 13th July, Darcy, beloved wife of Stanley Cohen, peacefully at her home in London. Much loved mother of Devin and Walter of New York, grandmother of Nicholas and Simon, Judy and Adam, and stepmother of Colin, Andrea, Nicholas, Lisa, Timothy and Joanne. Cremation Friday 16th July at 1.30pm at the West Chapel Golders Green Crematorium.

EMERY - On 13th July, Diana Hilary (nee Arderne) devoted wife of George, much loved and respected by her children and grandchildren. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 4 pm on 16th July. Donations in her memory would be much appreciated by Alzheimer's Disease Society, 160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

HAWKINS - On Sunday July 11th 1993, at her home, Wimbish, Essex, Margaret Hawkins (Peggy) aged 89 years. Widow of George Hawkins, O.B.E., M.A., mother of Delphine (deceased) and Richard, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday July 19th at 10.45 am. Please no flowers or letters.

HILL - On Wednesday, 14th July 1993, peacefully, Joan (nee Allestree), widow of Herbert. A much loved wife and loving mother of Penelope, Malcolm and Stephen, grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service at St John the Baptist, Mildenhall, nr. Marlborough, on Wednesday, 21st July 1993 at 12 noon.

JAGO - On 12th July, peacefully at home, Kay, beloved wife of George. Family flowers only. Funeral Service to be held at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Tuesday 20th July at 12 noon.

DEATHS

KENYON - Charles Derek, peacefully on July 13th, just a few days from his 90th birthday. Loving father of Nigel and Donald, grandfather of Phillip, Rupert, Camilla and Serena. Re-united with Agnes. Private service and burial, at his request. St Luke's Parish Church, Goostrey, on Thursday 15th July.

PARTRIDGE - On July 13th in South Africa as the result of a stroke, Violet Elizabeth, widow of Richard Crawshay, loving and loved mother of Anne, Biddy and Hugo and their families.

PERRING - On 13th July 1993, George Francis, in his 81st year, peacefully at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, dearly loved husband for 57 years of Kay, beloved father of Caroline and Brian, wonderful father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, on Tuesday 20th July at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o R Medhurst, Funeral Director, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex, TN7 4AD.

PROSEN - Zdenka, beloved widow of Col. Milan Prosen, died peacefully on 10th July 1993 at home. Funeral Service at the Church of Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, 247 Chiswick High Road, London W4, on Saturday 17th July at 12.50pm and after at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Park, London W3.

DEATHS

RUSSELL - On July 14th after a long courageous fight, at the Hammersmith Hospital, Nicholas Alexander, dearest husband of Carolyn and much loved father of Charlie, William, Annabel and Henrietta, son of Alec and Hilary. Private funeral and family flowers only, but donations if desired to: Leukaemia Research c/o A & W Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire, tel: (02252) 616431. Service of Thanksgiving to be held on Friday 30th July, All Saints, Odiham at 2 pm.

SMALLWOOD - Frederick William Smallwood, died July 8th in Norway. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen. Cremation at Bierham, Canterbury, on 19th July at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to East Kent Freedom Coach. Enquiries to (0303) 851466.

STUTELY - Phyllis. On July 7th aged 84 peacefully at home. Much loved mother of Trevor, grandmother of Lisa, Mark and Alexandra, great grandmother to William and a very special person for Doris and David. The Funeral will take place in West Hertfordshire Crematorium on Tuesday 20th July at 3.45 pm. All enquiries please to CRS Funeral Service, tel: (0923) 223995.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

GLAUS - Rosalie. An Angel sent by Heaven from 13th May 1921 to 15th July 1986, parted in body but everlasting together in spirit. "I am yours and you are mine until the Stars Forget to Shine". Henry.

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OBITUARIES

PETER CONI

Peter Richard Carstairs Coni, OBE, QC, a Recorder and chairman of the Amateur Rowing Association, 1970-77, and of the Henley Regatta, 1977-93, died of a heart attack on July 13 aged 57. He was born in Wellington, New Zealand, on November 20, 1935.

FOR 15 years Peter Coni masterminded the Henley Royal Regatta, maintaining its traditions — including a ban on mini-skirted women spectators and a ten-year-long ban on women rowers — while transforming it into one of the few major events on the British sporting calender to thrive, financially, *without sponsorship*. His legal training and his interest in sport came together in the field of drug use in 1982, when, with the support of the athletes and coaches, he set up the first programme of random drug testing of athletes in training. Six years later he chaired an independent panel of enquiry into allegations of drug use by British athletes, which made far-reaching recommendations to improve the testing system in Britain and to develop an educational programme to cut abuse.

With a carnation in the buttonhole of his blazer, pink socks and, usually, smoking a hand-rolled Balkan Soubranie through a tortoise-shell cigarette holder, Peter Coni was a colourful figurehead for the sport he administered so enthusiastically. He took an ebullient delight in being controversial, dismissing *mini-skirted* debutantes as "ghastly" and imbibers at the riverside hospitality tents on the other side of the river as "those blasted folk who block every ruddy lane and road". For a time he wore a lapel badge declaring his support for "Gay Whales Against The Bomb", and at the 1990 regatta caused a modest stir by stripping to his underpants and diving into the river to retrieve a walkie-talkie radio.

Peter Richard Carstairs Coni was educated at Uppingham School and St Catharine's College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1960 and became a QC in 1980. In 1985 he was appointed a Recorder, and in 1986 became a Bencher of the Inner Temple.

In February 1988 he was chosen to chair the enquiry committee set up by the British Amateur Athletic Board and the Amateur Athletic Association to investigate allegations of drug abuse in British athletics following allegations published by *The Times* that some British officials had aided British and other international competitors to avoid testing. The committee did not substantiate the allegations but came to the conclusion that there was a serious level of drug use in athletics, estimating that 10 per cent of leading competitors were taking drugs.

At Cambridge Coni became an enthusiastic oarsman. He lacked the physique to reach the very top, yet went on to row for London Rowing Club in the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta for seven consecutive years (1960-66), playing a *leading role in keeping the London* flag flying during a period when that great club was in the doldrums.

In retrospect it is hard to believe that he was regarded at the time as something of a rebel by the rowing establishment, who were inclined to equate rebelliousness with a disregard for sartorial convention. It must be conceded that Coni never wholly overcame his preference for informal footwear, even on royal occasions. But his acute brain and ability to communicate were soon recognised as invaluable in the committee room.

In 1962 London Rowing Club appointed Coni as their representative on the council of the Amateur Rowing Association. In 1968 he was elected to the executive committee, serving as chairman from 1970 to 1977.

In the meantime he had become a steward of Henley Regatta in 1974, and after only two years apprenticeship was elected to the committee of management in order that he could take over as chairman in 1977. The following year he was appointed to serve on the executive committee of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, and also on the Thames Water Authority.

At that period the Royal Regatta was struggling with economic problems caused by a relentless rise in costs and the membership limitations imposed by lack of space. Coni would have been the first to give credit to his predecessor as chairman, John Garton, for sowing the seeds of recovery. But it fell to the newly-elected chairman to transform *Henley from a costly regatta into a* profitable £1 million-per-year business with the minimum damage to its traditional charms.

As chairman of the management committee of the Henley Regatta he admitted to having virtual dictatorial powers. These extended even to being able to choose the music to be played at the regatta by the Grenadier Guards (he thus had "boring old Souza marches" replaced by Beatles music). He maintained, however, that he wielded his powers benevolently.

Coni strongly disapproved of the commercialisation of sport arguing that, once big money came into play, the advertisers, the agents and the sponsors followed. "Once you sell your soul you are lost," he told one interviewer. "The tail begins to wag the dog. When you depend on a sponsor, there's nothing to stop them telling you the deal's off unless their *can-can* girls are allowed into your enclosure." Following the turning away of one mini-skirted woman from the regatta, Coni made no excuse for rigidly upholding the rules of dress.

"We manage to keep things as they used to be. If people want to wear the height of fashion, do themselves up like a dog's dinner, they come in on our terms. We maintain a level of dignity and do not allow the rowing to become a sideshow." He also imposed equally rigid standards of behaviour on the participating oarsmen, summoning any deemed to have celebrated too ostentatiously for a severe dressing-down. Wimbledon, *said Coni, "should have stopped the* rot when they had the chance to — with McEnroe — and they should have insisted that Agassi cut his hair, not just wear white."

As chairman of the Henley Regatta, Coni was responsible for first allowing women to row at Henley in 1983 but the occasion was regarded as an experiment and deemed a failure with the result that they were excluded until this year. Coni maintained the ban on the ground that, although there were one or two fine women rowers, overall the quality of *their entry was indifferent. And he* scornfully dismissed the outcry the ban provoked saying the "women's squealing" was "more noisy, stupid and harmful to their cause than anything I can think of."

From 1983-89 Coni served on the committee of Leander Club. In 1986, when the World Rowing Championships were held in Britain, he was at the head of the organising committee. Shortly before the opening he suffered a minor heart attack while driving from London to Nottingham. Typically, after a few days in hospital he discharged himself to attend the championships.

In 1987 he received the OBE for his services to rowing, and was awarded the Medal of Honour of the Federation Internationale des Societes d'Aviron. In 1988 he became president of London Rowing Club, and in 1990 further added to his duties, membership of the National Olympic Committee and the treasurership of FISA. He was a member of the Court of Assistants, Needlemakers Company, *a Freeman of the Watermen's* Company and a member of the Athenaeum and Garrick clubs. He used to be a leading light in the City of London Philatelic Society and he had a considerable collection of Hockney prints.

If Peter Coni had a weakness it was his reluctance to delegate; he never took a back seat, which of course was precisely why he was pressed into so many activities. In coping with these he was aided by an astonishing ability to focus his mind at two levels simultaneously. In committee he would work on a set of unrelated papers, apparently oblivious of his surroundings, yet monitoring and analysing all that was being said. When deadlock was reached he would look up from his papers and, as often as not, offer the carefully worded conclusion which all had been seeking.

Coni admitted that his interest in rowing generally and Henley in particular was fairly obsessive. In that respect, he said, it was convenient that he was a bachelor and did not have "seven sprogs to keep at expensive private schools."

He will be remembered, not least, for having persuaded the Port of London Authority to vary their by-laws so as not to enforce the International Starboard Hand Rule to crews rowing on the London tideway, a measure which would have put an end to rowing on the championship course from Putney to Mortlake.

ALFREDO RICART

Alfredo Ricart, GCVO, executive director of the International Sugar Organisation and former doyen of the diplomatic corps, died of bronchial pneumonia in London on July 2, aged 54. He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on September 3, 1938.

ALTHOUGH he was born and brought up in the Dominican Republic and always retained close ties with it, Alfredo Ricart spent most of his adult life in Britain. He loved London and was not happy when circumstances compelled him to leave it for a couple of years in the mid-1980s. His many British friends were delighted to welcome him back in 1987 and enjoy again his humour and zest for life.

Alfredo Arturo Ricart Pellerano came from a family that was prominent in business (especially newspaper publishing) and in public life. He went to school and university in the United States, graduating in business administration. His career, however, was to be in diplomacy rather than business.

At the age of 23, he became first secretary in the embassy of the Dominican Republic in London and over the next two *years began his 30-year love* affair with the city of his adoption. He was away from it for only seven years, from 1964-71, as special assistant to the interim president of the Dominican Republic, Hector Garcia-Godoy, and as counsellor in the embassy in Washington when Garcia-Godoy went there as ambassador. He also followed his mentor into politics, a venture cut short by Garcia-Godoy's death in 1970.

In 1971 Ricart returned to *London as minister-counsellor* in the embassy, being promoted to ambassador in 1975 at the unusually young age of 36. He was later accredited also to Austria and The Netherlands. (A close friend of his at the time was Prince Claus of The Netherlands who had previously — as Claus von Amsberg — served in the German embassy in Santo Domingo.)

By natural progression, he became the doyen of the diplomatic corps in 1983. Friendly and gregarious, with a deep staccato laugh, he excelled in this role and was popular with the corps and the Foreign Office alike. He was articulate in defending what he perceived to be the interests and rights of the corps, most notably when he persuaded the Foreign Office of the illegality (in international law) of its view that diplomatic cars could be clamped. He always rose to the occasion at the various annual dinners when a thoughtful, yet humorous, speech was required of the doyen.

Indeed, he looked set to remain in London until he was 65 and was jokingly told to start preparing the speeches he would have to make if the *Queen survived to celebrate* her golden jubilee in 2002. In 1985, however, the British government decided to close *its small embassy in Santo* Domingo and so, as one critic put it, scored an "own goal". National pride became involved and the Dominican Republic also closed its embassy in London.

A sad Alfredo Ricart was *transferred to Geneva (as ambassador to the UN office* there) but not before receiving from the Queen the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, in recognition of his services as doyen. He was very proud of this distinction and half-seriously talked of the day when he might retire and take out British nationality, thereby acquiring the right to apply for the accolade and call himself "Sir".

He did not enjoy Geneva and, when the selection committee for a new executive director of the International Sugar Organisation was deadlocked and it was suggested to him (as, uniquely, having twice been chairman of the ISO Council) that he should take the job himself, he accepted with alacrity.

Thus, by 1987, he was back in his beloved London, where the ISO had its headquarters in the Haymarket. He was also back fully in the world of sugar, which as the ambassa*dor of a sugar-producing* country, had dominated his

earlier diplomatic life. He endeared himself to the staff of the ISO with his sense of fun and his practical jokes; a quip was seldom far from his lips.

But he headed the ISO at a difficult time and his energies were devoted to persuading countries that a body to monitor world trade in sugar and to ensure fair conditions for producer and consumer alike was still worthwhile. He also had to cajole them into paying their subscriptions.

The move of the ISO from Haymarket to Docklands, at the behest of the British government, was not to Alfredo Ricart's liking. He felt isolated and was always happy for an official excuse to be in the "real" London he knew so well. He continued to live in an elegantly furnished flat in Kensington. His love of music, especially opera, was displayed by his own choice of arias for his cremation service in London.

He never married.

DONALD BOX

Donald Box, Conservative MP for Cardiff North, 1959-66, and stockbroker, died in Cardiff on July 12 aged 75. He was born in Cardiff on November 22, 1917.

WITH his easy manner and good looks, Donald Box sometimes found it hard being taken seriously as a politician. There was a famous incident in 1966 when the Speaker, responding to a point of order raised by the MP, called Box "young and inexperienced" — although he was then 48 and had been in Parliament some seven years. (This was one occasion when the parliamentary record, *Hansard*, was shown to have been tampered with: Dr Horace King's ill-judged comment was initially omitted at his own request.)

Beneath the affable front, *Box was a hard-working MP* for his Welsh constituents, a champion of Welsh businessmen, holding stern views on reforming the leasehold laws, and eager to see the reintroduction of hanging for all murderers. He had a special interest in the Middle East refugee problem, which he knew at first hand from his wartime experience with the RAF in Palestine.

Donald Stewart Box was educated at Llandaff Cathedral School, St John's School, Pinner, and the Harrow County School. Before his 18th birthday, he started work as a clerk for a firm of stockbrokers, *Henry J. Thomas.*

He joined the RAF in 1939 and saw service in Egypt, Palestine and Transjordan, rising to the rank of flight lieutenant. After the war he returned to Cardiff, and became a member of the Cardiff Stock Exchange, later being made a senior partner in the stockbroking firm, Lyddon & Company.

Box's rise in politics was steady rather than meteoric. He was a graduate from the ranks of the Young Conservatives and, in 1955, was adopted by the Newport Conservatives as their candidate for the forthcoming general election. *Box lost both this and the* following by-election to Labour but success finally came in 1959 when he was elected as MP for Cardiff North in Harold Macmillan's "You never had it so good" election.

Box was tireless in his efforts to bring employment to his Welsh constituency, and unequivocally laid the blame for its under-development at the doors of the left. He loathed unofficial strike action — on which the South Wales mining industry was known to have a particularly bad record — and tried to have one episode of a BBC television current affairs programme banned: *At Home* was that week featuring Will Whitehead, communist president of the South Wales miners. Box called the programme "an affront to good taste".

He also contended that the country had become "welfare mad", and that the government's decision to assist the passage of the Bill suspending capital punishment in 1965, after a year when the number of serious offences passed one million, was ludicrous.

Box lost his seat in the 1966 election which saw Harold Wilson sweep to power with a 97-seat Labour majority. He returned to a career in stockbroking and helped to ensure that Lyddon, which had offices in Swansea and Cardiff, were one of the first on the floor when the London Stock Exchange threw its doors open to regional traders in 1973. In 1988 he joined N. M. Rothschild as a non-executive director, and was instrumental in persuading them to open an *office in Cardiff.*

Box was always ready with advice for new Welsh Secretaries and was a great help to local businessmen, particularly those who were trying to develop Cardiff's docklands area. He also loved racing and was a regular at Cheltenham, Chepstow and Royal Ascot.

Cancer was diagnosed in 1986, but Box disliked the word retirement, and carried on with the same good humour, very much as before. He married three times, all to women named Margaret. He is survived by his third wife, whom he married in 1973, and *by their daughter.*

LOWELL NESBITT

Lowell Nesbitt, American realist painter, died in New York City on July 8 aged 59. He was born in Baltimore on October 4, 1933.

WASHINGTON'S Phillips Collection has cause to be grateful that it hired a young Lowell Nesbitt as a night-watchman more than 40 years ago. Nesbitt claimed that staring at the paintings during the long hours first inspired him to become an artist, and on his death the collection will receive a bequest of more than a million dollars.

The money was to have gone to the Corcoran Gallery of Art, which gave Nesbitt one of his first museum exhibitions in 1964, but he publicly revoked the bequest and transferred it to the Phillips in 1989, after the Corcoran had cancelled a controversial exhibition of photographs by his old friend Robert Mapplethorpe.

Nesbitt graduated from the Tyler School of Art at Philadelphia's Temple University, and went on to study in London at the Royal College of Art, where he worked in stained glass and etching.

He painted a great variety of subjects, from piles of shoes to his Rottweiler dog, but became best known for his gargantuan images of irises, roses, lilies and other flowers. These were often depicted in close-up, so that their petals seemed to fill the canvas, and critics saw them as implicitly sexual and somewhat ominous. In 1980 the US Postal Service chose four of his floral paintings for commemorative stamps.

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"TEMBI"

MR. KEARTON'S FILM OF WILD ANIMALS

Mr. Cherry Kearton's photographs at the Marble Arch Pavilion of animals in Central Africa are connected by the story of a native who left his tribe and wandered till he found another and became its chief. This story leads to some improbabilities, for it certainly does not appear plausible that a savage turned out of his village by a volcanic eruption should pause to point out a magnificent specimen of the fruit-eating potto, of which curious animal only three specimens have been seen in Africa. But the introduction of the savage and his family has its advantages, for he knows how to summon, by a peculiar call, crocodiles from their swamp, and we are shown one such puzzling and interesting episode. Moreover, he is a magnificent creature, and it is a *pleasure to see him walk with so much grace* and dignity.

But, of course, it is for the sake of the fruit-eating potto that Mr. Kearton's film should be seen. The spectacular animals are all there. The lions are taken at very short range and yet appear to be little perturbed by the camera. We are shown a fascinating photograph of a *lion playing with his cub in a bored and* paternal manner. The giraffes are especially fine, and Mr. Kearton has photographed them so that they come out even odder than usual, aristocratic and refined away to *absurdity. There are also elephants, pythons,* cheetahs, and other savage creatures in the finest scenery, taken by a photographer with an eye for the romantic.

But Mr. Kearton has also an eye for the curious. Too often in such films of wild animals the lesser creatures and the insects, which are frequently stranger than the large familiar animals, are neglected. But Mr. Kearton shows us a plague of locusts, a praying mantis, a spiny cricket like a dreadful land-crab, and a chameleon catching a fly with its monstrous tongue. There is a good photograph of the horrible queen of the ants *which build hills 20ft. high.*

Nor are the smaller mammals less curious. The monkeys are exquisite, and the jumping hare is a creature of great beauty. But the rock rabbit, which does not look at all like a rabbit but rather like a marsupial, is perhaps the strangest. Two of these animals appear at the top of a rock staring and immobile, apparently hypnotized by the presence of human beings. Presently the two are joined, suddenly and with a jerk, by their family, who remain fantastically staring in precisely the same posture. Altogether *Tembi*, which, by the way, is the name of the sacred crocodile, is one of the most interesting films of animals that have appeared.

ENTERTAINMENTS

This evening M Serge Diaghileff will present for the first time in England at the Covent Garden Opera House (in addition to *Carnaval, L'Apres-Midi d'un Faune*, and *The Gods Go a-Begging*) Igor Stravinsky's burlesque *Renard* which was presented in Paris during the ballet season. The choreography is by M Serge Lifar.

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Cherry Kearton (1871-1940) was a pioneer of popular natural history photography. Also popular were his books such as 'My Friend Toto' and 'My Dog Simba', enjoyed by generations of children.

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Play off those autoroute blues

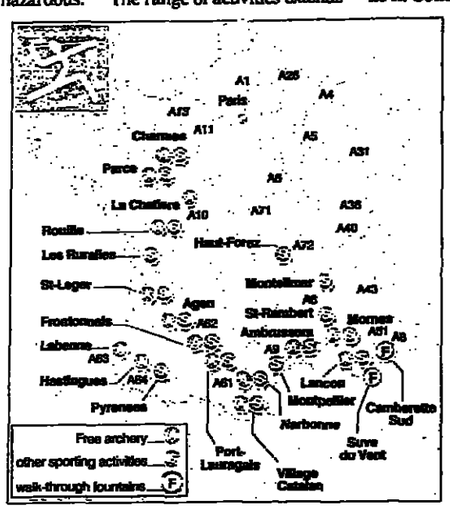
The French have designed a scheme to keep motorists, and their children, entertained, **Tony Rocca** reports

France's holiday getaway began in earnest yesterday, Bastille Day, with 40-mile tailbacks south of Paris.

At peak times, such as July 31 and August 1, it can take 16 hours to drive to the Mediterranean from Paris — days designated "red" by the Ministry of Transport. "Red" or "orange" days are announced via their mouthpiece, a little Red Indian character who has become a national mascot over the past 18 years, called Bison Futé (Crafty Bison).

He has given advance warning that the end of this month will be particularly hazardous. Not only is it the busiest point when July and August holidaymakers switch over, it also falls on a weekend, guaranteeing that even more vehicles will be in circulation.

The authorities have launched a vast number of imaginative schemes designed to relieve tired drivers, keep children happy while on the road and reduce the risk of road accidents which, over the next six weeks, could lead to the deaths of at least 2,000 people.



At the heart of any British driver's across-France itinerary, the Paris-Rhine-Rhône motorway system, clowns will amuse young children in special shows at service stations. More than 100 free entertainments ranging from classical concerts to folk and jazz recitals are available until September 5, staged at two-hour intervals to encourage drivers to take a rest during long spells at the wheel on the A6, A31, A36 and A40 autoroutes.

But this is merely an overture to what the French hope will be the main attraction this summer as 60 million European holidaymakers cross some part of their country en route to a southern holiday.

The keys to this plan are the little blue signposts depicting a javelin thrower that have gone up at 21 motorway rest areas, or *aires*. These indicate an *Étape sportive* (sport stop), where travellers may work off their tensions. These are not just slide-and-swing affairs. The range of activities extends from riding, swimming, climbing, shooting, fencing and golf to archery, sailing, rowing, mountain biking, speed ball and even American baseball.

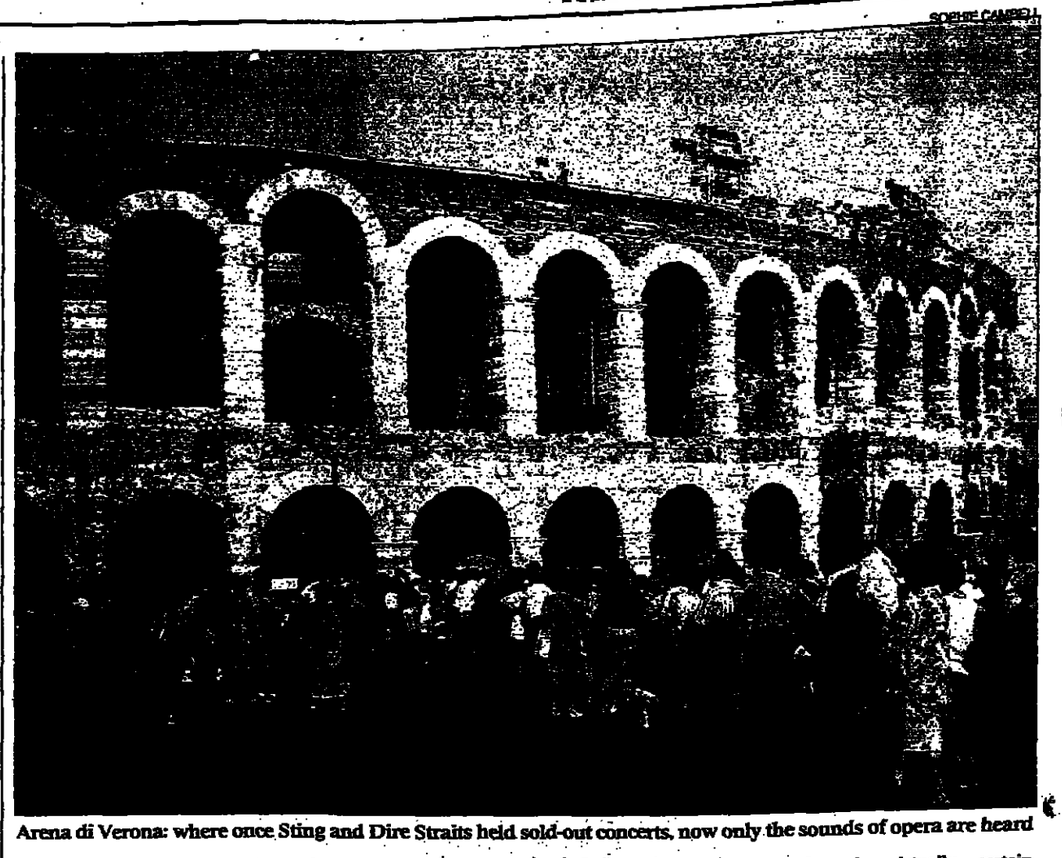
There is free coaching, often from top professionals, and special facilities for infants. In all, 20 different activities are available, especially at weekends, across the web of roads maintained by the private company Autoroutes du Sud de la France — virtually everywhere south of the Loire plus the Brittany autoroutes A10-A11. Everything is free and, what is more, signposts in English tell you what to do. (See panel).

Elsewhere tired drivers can have a free sight and reflex test at special "Pointe-Relax" exercise and fitness areas, such as the *Aire de Nemours* 45 miles south of Paris on the A6 to Lyon. Masseurs are available on the same motorway — the spinal cord of the entire system, linking Paris with the Mediterranean — at the *Aire de la Couée* on July 23, 24 and 31 as well as August 1.

Yet another innovation awaits when the family does finally emerge, hot and sticky, in the Midi's sweltering heat after the tiring drive down the Autoroute du Soleil. Walk-though fountains have been created on the A8 at Cambarette Sud near Brignoles and on the A57 at Suve du Vent. These are giant atomisers, spraying clouds of water in a fine mist: just the job to raise wilting spirits.

To avoid trouble, British drivers would do well to heed the Crafty Bison's green signposts which lead to 1,600 miles of secondary routes, marked in *itinéraires bis*, as ways around the jams.

A Bison Futé map showing the "green" routes across France plus a new motorway map are available free from the French Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AL, and at service area information points in France.



SOPHIE CAMPBELL

Arena di Verona: where once Sting and Dire Straits held sold-out concerts, now only the sounds of opera are heard

The perfect pitch in Verona

Rock concerts have been banned at Verona's 2,000-year-old amphitheatre because of fears that vibrations from loud music were shaking its foundations. The building is one of Italy's best-preserved monuments.

The open-air Arena di Verona, which has perfect acoustics, is now filled with the gentler sounds of opera, which is performed without microphones. Although the rock music ban is popular with residents of Verona's city centre, it did not find favour with members of the committee that organises all concerts in the arena, the Ente Lirico di Verona. They are furious at the loss of millions of lire.

The Ente Lirico is appealing against the decision, made in Rome by Professor Alberto Ronchey, the minister for culture. The ancient arena is used for open-air opera only during July and August, when good weather is virtually certain.

Verona, with its medieval streets, pavement cafés and smart restaurants, first hosted the opera at the arena in 1913 and, except for a break during the two world wars, has done so ever since.

A number of companies, including Thomson (081-200 8733), run excursions to the opera or full opera tours but independent travellers can buy standby tickets for the performances for about £10. Seats at the front of the stage, which need to be pre-booked, cost £90.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

'Heavy-handed, disproportionate, grotesque, officious . . .'

A junior government minister has taken on the bureaucracy in Britain's towns halls and even in other government departments which he says is strangling the tourist industry.

Iain Sproat, tourism minister at the department of national heritage, said he had received "an avalanche" of letters complaining of excessive regulations from the EC, councils and "officious, offensive" officials who were exceeding their authority.

"Sometimes the regulations are just stupid, absurd and wrong," Mr Sproat told the House of Commons. "Sometimes the enforcement is inconsistent between one part of the country and another.

"Sometimes they are well meant in theory, but are absolutely grotesque in practice. At other times they are just heavy handed, officious or completely disproportionate to the alleged offence."

Among the many examples he gave was the hotel which had to fill in 88 requirements when it applied to hold a New Year's eve dance.

Mr Sproat even attacked decisions taken by his colleagues in the transport department in refusing to allow flights between Birmingham and Chicago, two cities which are about to be officially "twinned".

He said that he would champion the tourist industry, which employed a million people and earned the United Kingdom a revenue of £25 billion a year.

A minister's tilt against needless bureaucracy has struck a chord in a hard-pressed industry

Other examples of "the spread of the difficulties and stupidities" included:

- The package travel directive, under which small hotels "find themselves involved in extremely expensive bonding exercises which disrupt their cash flow or in many cases ruin their profits".
- A "paranoia" about putting up signs, making it "almost impossible" for hotels to advertise their presence near a road.
- "Grotesque" rules which meant a flamingo park had to be depicted on a sign by an elephant.
- Food regulations which meant Camembert cheese had to be refrigerated and then served "like a piece of rubber".
- A ban by some authorities on wooden chopping boards and spoons, which were replaced with plastic implements even though wood proved healthier because of an enzyme that it contained.
- A publican threatened with imprisonment for smoking a pipe while he pulled a pint. One council, Mr Sproat said, claimed it was illegal to sell a ham and tomato sandwich because one part was cooked and the other was not.

Mr Sproat acknowledged he was objecting to regulations brought in under a Conservative government. But he added: "I don't care twopence who passed them. If they are stupid, they should be changed. If they are not stupid, they should be kept."

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Ringing from above the clouds

Workaholic businessmen flying over Europe will soon be able to keep in touch with their office by both phone and fax as in-flight communications spread from America, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Until now, wrangling among Europe's nationalised telecommunications organisations prevented airlines from matching their US counterparts by installing phones in the seat arms of aircraft.

Now, the EC says it is prepared to give private organisations licences for ground stations to process calls made from craft flying over Europe and linking them into the international phone network.

Mercury, Britain's independent communications company, is the first to take advantage of the liberalised regime by forming In Flight Phone Europe, an international joint-venture company with In-Flight Phone International of America and Irelandia, which aims to build 60 ground stations within the next two years.

Mercury and its partners plan to install the equipment — no bigger than two filing cabinet drawers — under licence in hotels and office blocks throughout Europe. It will enable business travellers to contact their offices and, through a message paging system, their offices will be able to contact them.

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Cape of good hope turns stormy

Political violence is scaring off visitors to the new-look South Africa, writes David Churchill

Faces of post-apartheid South Africa: marchers gather in Johannesburg to protest against the assassination of ANC leader Chris Hani earlier this year

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, has decided not to revive its South Africa holiday programme after pulling out of the market earlier this year.

"We have no plans at the moment to go back to South Africa," says Steve Garley, Thomson's long-haul programme director.

The level of violence in the country has soared over the past fortnight, effectively negating the positive responses generated by President Clinton's public support last week for South Africa's move towards democracy. The country's first democratic elections are due to be held next April.

Thomson launched its first dedicated programme to South Africa last autumn, believing the ending of apartheid had unlocked the potential of what could be one of the world's major tourist destinations of the 1990s. "But after three months we had virtually no bookings," Mr Garley says. Instead, Thomson has diverted customers seeking new experiences to Mexico.

Thomson's experience is echoed by others in the industry. Thomas Cook says that most operators have found the market this year "a tough one" and do not expect them to see any growth in the size of their programmes this year.

Jetsave — one of the leading tour operators to South Africa — acknowledges that the market has been difficult. The gains of 1992, when optimism about change in South Africa was high, were wiped out by the slump in bookings this year. Southern Sun, South Africa's largest hotel group, saw a 25 per cent increase in cancellations after the assassination in April of Chris Hani, the black political leader.

Martin Thompson, managing director of specialist operators Abercrombie & Kent, believes that the drop-off in business this year "means there will not be a major improvement in demand until after next April's elections." But others in the travel trade believe that the elections themselves may spark off fresh violence.

But Russel Barlow-Jones, manager of the South African Tourist Board in London, says South Africa has "one of the highest number of repeat visitors in the world". There is also a marked trend towards late bookings, reflecting travellers' unwillingness to book ahead when the political situation remains so unstable.

Moreover, controls over airline arrivals have been liberalised: the number of international carriers flying to the country has risen from 19 in 1990 to 36 this year.

Few tourists, however, head for Johannesburg if they can help it, with its rising crime rate in the city centre: instead they plump for the beaches of Cape Town and Durban, or the safaris of the Eastern Transvaal. The Rovos Rail "Pride of Africa" safari train journey through the Kruger National Park is said to excel even the Orient Express for luxury travel. (Prices start at £1,283 per person for a four-day trip.)

Given the uncertain level of demand, there are also some tempting special deals on offer at present. BA Holidays has just cut prices by up to £250 per person on tours such as the Garden Route through the Cape, and South African Airways is offering a half-price ticket for spouses of business or first-class passengers, a potential saving of up to £2,000.

But perhaps the most intriguing way to visit South Africa is not by wide-bodied jet but by the traditional route: the sea. Next year Thomas Cook, for example, is offering a 14-day journey to Cape Town aboard a large cargo vessel, emulating some other small operators already finding accommodation aboard cargo ships out of Felixtowe or Tilbury to the Cape for about £1,100.

● *South African Tourism Board: 5-6, Alt Grove, Wimbledon, London SW19 4DZ (081-944 6646).*

Annexe plans for Gatwick

Row brews over proposal to adapt private airfield five miles away

Plans were submitted last week to develop Redhill aerodrome in Surrey into a fully fledged airport capable of handling 2.5 million passengers a year. If the proposals, which are likely to lead to a public enquiry, are accepted, the airport could be operational within five years at a cost of about £60 million.

The scheme to develop Redhill — now a grass runway used only by light aircraft and helicopters — was drawn up by Redhill Aerodrome Ventures (RAV), which bought the site two years ago.

RAV says Redhill, which is five miles from Gatwick, could become a "reliever" airport, taking the pressure off Gatwick's single runway by attracting many short-haul services. It would, RAV says, bring a further eight million passengers to Gatwick without increasing the total number of aircraft movements, as well as creating 2,500 jobs on-site and 1,500 in the surrounding area.

Backers of the plan are hoping that it could also provide the government with a breathing space before they are faced with the difficult decision of where to build another runway in the south-east. A report setting out the options is due out at the end of this month and is likely to rule out all but three possible sites — Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted — for such a development.

Alan Godsal, who bought Redhill with a group of friends two years ago, claims that even if the new airport were used to its full planned capacity local residents would, on the whole, suffer less noise than they do at present from the 90,000 light aircraft movements taking place each year.

Under the plans his group has put forward, a spur road would be built on to the M23 and passengers who wanted to change planes would be bused between Redhill and the main Gatwick terminal on a journey which, Mr Godsal claims, would take only eight minutes. The grass runways would be replaced with a 1.6km hard runway, and a new terminal and 220-bedroom conference hotel built.

Although the scheme is still likely to meet with opposition from local councils and residents it is attracting interest — albeit guarded — from aviation authorities and airlines.

Airlines are concerned that having two separate airports would prevent the creation of a full "hub and spoke" operation, where passengers would be able to change planes in one terminal. They are also worried by the continuing decline of Gatwick, and doubt that another airport so close by could ever become viable.

However, Mr Godsal's group says that only 15 take-off and landing slots an hour would be needed to make the airport viable and that many smaller "commuter" airlines are showing keen interest in having a dedicated airport.

Ideally they would like Redhill, once completed, to be run by BAA, which owns and runs both Gatwick and Heathrow. BAA has, however, made it clear that it has no interest, at the moment at least, in expanding its operations further in the southeast.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Jabs needed for visits to Russia

Russia is facing a diphtheria epidemic and tourists are being advised not to travel to the country without being immunised against the disease, *Marianne Curphey writes.*

The World Health Organisation warns that Moscow, St Petersburg and Kaliningrad are the worst affected and account for 48 per cent of all the cases.

The Foreign Office has advised everyone visiting the Russian Federation to be inoculated. A spokesman said: "It would cause us concern if people were going to Russia without being properly vaccinated against diphtheria."

The embassy recommends that doctors, teachers and anyone planning to live in the country should take special care.

Last year there were 127 deaths from diphtheria in Russia — double the number in 1991 — and 3,897 reported cases. From January to May this year 2,828 cases have been reported. Doctors blame the rising number of cases on low rates of immunisation among local children.

WHO says the Ukraine is also badly affected — 1,096 cases were reported between January and May 1993.

There have also been reports of imported cases being found in Norway, Poland, Finland and Estonia.

WHO recommends adults should have a single booster dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) if their last jab was more than ten years ago. For those who know they have not been immunised at all, two doses are necessary one month apart followed by a third after six months.

At a conference in St Petersburg last week WHO strongly recommended stepping up the current immunisation programme in the Russian Federation.

Hotels aim for golf drive

AROUND the world hotels are looking to the game of golf to increase the number of both business and leisure guests, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Those that can offer a round of golf as part of the attraction can expect to gain a significant advantage, they believe, and the search is now on for sites where a golf course can be built alongside the hotel.

The need for a health and fitness centre as an integral part of any top-class hotel was seen as essential, but two recent surveys have thrown that into doubt.

An independent survey for the Berkeley Hotel, part of the Savoy Group, showed that although 90 per cent of people say they they want a pool and a health club only 7 per cent actually take advantage of the facilities. The group has bought shares in the Wentworth golf club, which enables any guest staying at any of the company's hotels to play golf at the renowned course free of charge.

Hyatt Hotels and Resorts carried out a survey of golf and discovered that it was such an integral part of the lifestyle of most executives that one in eight actually claimed it was more important than sex itself.

"Golf is clearly becoming increasingly important to our customers, whether as a means to relax or as an effective business activity" said Darryl Hartley-Leonard, president of Hyatt Hotels Corporation. From now on the hotel chain will concentrate on integrating golf into its package offers from meetings and conventions.

More than half the 400 executives questioned in the survey said that they were likely to cheat a little at the game, just as they will in business and probably in their personal life too.

Money back for late flight arrivals?

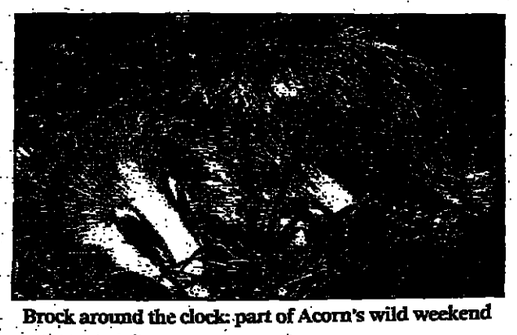
EUROPEAN politicians are considering plans to compensate airline passengers for delays to their flights.

Raffaele Costa, Italy's transport minister, floated the idea that Alitalia should return 20 per cent of the value of a ticket if flights arrived more than 30 minutes late. A special committee set up by the EC transport directorate is studying a similar proposal.

There is, however, a long way to go before the plans become law. The Association of European Airlines says that if passengers are delayed it is more often than not the result of governments' refusal to spend more on infrastructure such as air traffic control.

Boys in green

BENIDORM is to introduce "green patrols" — police equipped with four-wheel drive vehicles, trail motorbikes and firefighting and sophisticated communications equipment — to care for the green areas around the town. The policemen will also monitor rural areas, move on illegal campers, protect flora and fauna, keep a watch on empty properties and prevent rubbish dumping.



Brock around the clock: part of Acorn's wild weekend

Wild theme

A WILDLIFE weekend in Herefordshire is being offered by Acorn Activities (0432 357335) from August 14. Experts will lead field study days covering 200 acres of ancient woodland and a national nature reserve which has a rich variety of birds and animals, including badgers. The weekend costs £120 per person and includes two picnics and dinner on Saturday evening. Accommodation can be arranged from £20 per person in a farmhouse to £50 in a country-house hotel.

Directions

WHEN is a flight "direct"? The Advertising Standards Authority has found there is no official definition. The authority accepted that a "direct" flight does not necessarily have to be a "non-stop" one, but refused a plea by Transamerica Holidays that it could also include flights involving intermediate customs checks and changes of aircraft. A complaint against Transamerica, which had referred to "direct" flights to Denver, Colorado, which meant changing planes at Newark, New Jersey, was upheld.

Top brass

TRAVEL industry profits have fallen 6 per cent in the past 12 months while the average pay of directors rose by 7.2 per cent, according to Argyle Recruitment's survey of salaries within the industry.

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Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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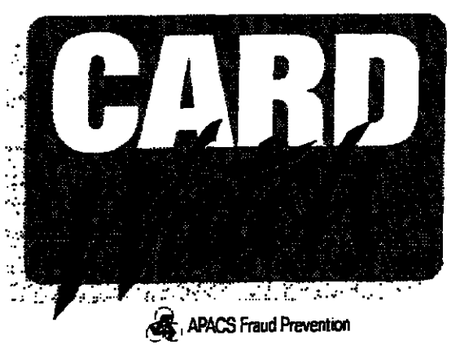

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NEWS

Smith victory sparks new row

■ John Smith claimed an important victory in his battle to reform Labour party democracy — and immediately found himself in a fresh conflict with the trade unions over one member one vote.

The Labour leader persuaded a committee of union and party members to approve three reforms, which are expected to be adopted as policy next week. But the leading unions said that they had not eased their opposition to plans to exclude them from the selection of candidates ..... Pages 1, 8

Time to stop, says Thatcher

■ Baroness Thatcher made an emotional appeal to her fellow peers to vote for a Maastricht referendum. Before defying a three line-whip, she said that too many powers had been ceded: "The time has come to stop it" ..... Pages 1, 10

Adoption U-turn

John Major intervened to veto health department plans to allow local authorities to charge couples for adoption. Proposals floated six days ago that could have meant charges of up to £1,500 have been dropped ..... Page 1

IRA suspect held

A top IRA suspect carrying a hidden bomb was seized by undercover armed police as he waited at a bus stop on his way into central London to launch an attack ..... Page 1

Inflation drop

Inflation fell to its lowest level for 30 years — 1.2 per cent — providing the government with an unusually happy combination of growth without inflation .. Page 1

Spending revolt

Senior right-wing Tory MPs told Kenneth Clarke that he must cut public spending by around £10 billion over two years or face the prospect of a revolt ..... Page 8

Transplant worries

A transplant operation to save a man's hand has raised fears about the use of human body parts ..... Page 5

Gloomy parade

After a rain-soaked Bastille-day parade that matched France's gloomy mood, President Mitterrand threw his authority behind the beleaguered franc and subjected the government of Edouard Balladur to a polite but pointed critique ..... Page 11

Born again

Rutland, one of the most lamented of the old English counties lost in the Heathite reorganisation of local government almost 20 years ago, may be revived ..... Page 6

Beach clean-up

The three beaches at Blackpool and the bathing coastline at Southport, fall short of cleanliness standards, the European Court of Justice ruled ..... Page 7

Pull out plea

Robert Byrd, a veteran Democrat senator called for US troops serving with United Nations forces in Somalia to pack up and get out because the growing level of violence has marked a change from the original objective of halting starvation ..... Page 12

Ethnic rescue

United Nations forces were trying to reach the embattled town of Mostar where it is believed Bosnian Croats have mounted a ruthless and systematic operation of "ethnic cleansing" on the Muslims ..... Page 13

Secrets watchdog

An independent authority with the power to force Whitehall to give up its secrets will be the centrepiece of the government's long-awaited open government white paper ..... Page 8

Wolf protest

A 25-year-old man who was depressed about his failure to find a job climbed into the wolves' den at London zoo ..... Page 3

Birt: BBC must face hard realities

■ John Birt, director-general of the BBC, moved decisively to quash the rebellion brewing in the corporation's ranks with a robust defence of his cost-cutting reforms. Mr Birt appealed to "those who look back with nostalgia to a bygone age" of BBC perfection to face the harsh realities imposed by an increasingly competitive broadcasting world ..... Page 2

TONY WHITE

In the frame: workmen putting the final touches to refurbishment of the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House, London

BUSINESS

Lloyd's probe: The Serious Fraud Office has launched an investigation into the Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's, prompting calls for a freeze on cash-demands on names who face losses of up to £1 billion ..... Page 23

BT offer closes: The public offer for the government's £5 billion sale of its remaining holding in British Telecom attracted 1.4 million applications ..... Pages 23,25

Markets: The pound strengthened again on the foreign exchange, rising 1.22 pfennigs to DM2.5783 and .80 cents to $1.5005. Its trade-weighted index was 81.7. The FT-SE 100 share index eased 4.8 to 2,832.3 ..... Page 26

Golf: The 122nd Open championship begins at Royal St George's, Sandwich, Kent. John Hopkins assesses the main contenders to the crown of defending champion, Nick Faldo ..... Pages 42, 44

Football: Rangers are set to break the British transfer record by signing the Dundee United striker Duncan Ferguson for more than £4 million. Sheffield Wednesday have signed Des Walker from Sampdoria for £2.7m ..... Page 44

Cycling: Graeme Obree, from Ayr, is to attempt to break the one-hour world record of 51.151 kilometres in Oslo on a home-made machine which cost no more than a child's tricycle to build ..... Page 39

Dangerous liaisons: Courtship is dead. Instead is a desire for instant gratification: Kate Muir on America's dating rituals ..... Page 14

Ethical dilemmas: Fingers and thumbs, hands, arms and ears might soon be taken from dead donors to replace damaged or diseased ones in living patients. Jeremy Laurance on human limb transplants ..... Page 15

Good words: Was the late Peter Fuller, whose essays on art are reviewed by Peter Ackroyd, the Ruskin of his day? A. L. Rowse looks at divorce among the upper classes ..... Pages 36, 37

Dino-day: *Jurassic Park* opens: "It leaves you feeling short-changed and angry. After all the hype, what have you been sold? A scrappy B-movie tale, blown out of all proportion by budget pretensions," says Geoff Brown ..... Page 33

Orchestrated protest: An open letter from the Association of British Orchestras to Peter Brooke, protests at the Arts Council decision effectively to cut off funding to two London orchestras ..... Page 35

From Russia, on shoestring: The collaboration between the Kirov Opera and the Royal Opera is "a shining deed in a naughty world," says Rodney Milnes, reviewing *Eugene Onegin* ..... Page 34

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Danica Draskovic, the wife of the Serbian opposition leader, said that prison beatings will not make her give up politics
Page 13

Stephen Kingsbury, 14, who asked the High Court to protect his right to single-sex schooling by keeping open the Kettering Boys' School
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Diane Osborne said she may take civil action against Joseph Elliott, 19, who was cleared by a jury of murdering her husband
Pages 1, 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Grove shall speak unto Tully

■ Valerie Grove talks to the BBC's man in India, Mark Tully, the emergent champion of the corporation's anti-Birtists

Christmas on screen

■ Will you spend £1,000 on a home computer this Christmas? Richard Branson certainly hopes so

Scions of the Sixties crowd

■ Moving up in the rock world are the sons and daughters of Sixties and Seventies pop stars. Are they trading on daddy's name, or rebelling against the rebels of yesteryear?

The scandal of orphaned and homeless children who were forcibly sent to Australia during the 1950s is the subject of a two-part drama *The Leaving of Liverpool* (BBC1, 9.30pm) ..... Page 43

Broadcasting truths

Critics of John Birt's stewardship of the BBC, of whom Mark Tully is only the latest and most outspoken, ignore the scale of the difficulties which the director-general was appointed to address. If the critics of Birtism have a better future mapped out for the BBC, they have yet to reveal it ..... Page 17

This law is an ass

Common sense and common humanity must revolt at the acquittal of Joseph Elliott, a youth charged with murder and the lesser charge of manslaughter, who admitted stabbing a man who had accosted him for slashing tyres ..... Page 17

Terrorists and Kurds

None of Turkey's friends doubt the need to defeat the PKK Kurdish terrorists. But this must be accomplished with restraint, political tolerance and a concern for human rights: not an easy recipe for winning a guerrilla war ..... Page 17

JOHN BIRT

For decades the BBC had been cushioned by real annual increases in its income: the government gave rises in the licence fee; the number of households grew, bringing in new fees; income increased as households traded up to colour. All that has changed ..... Page 16

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Some day there was bound to be a recession at the box office; some day the local authorities would find finances under pressure; business sponsorship always reflects the trend of profits; government funding will always vary with the state of the budget ..... Page 16

Concern for the future of the armed forces ..... Page 17

Immigration reform is appropriate; the nation's rising anti-immigration mood is not. The history of US immigration policy isn't pretty, tied as it is to surges of nationalism and racism. Now, amid reviving anti-immigration sentiment, Congress has an opportunity to snap that link — *USA Today*

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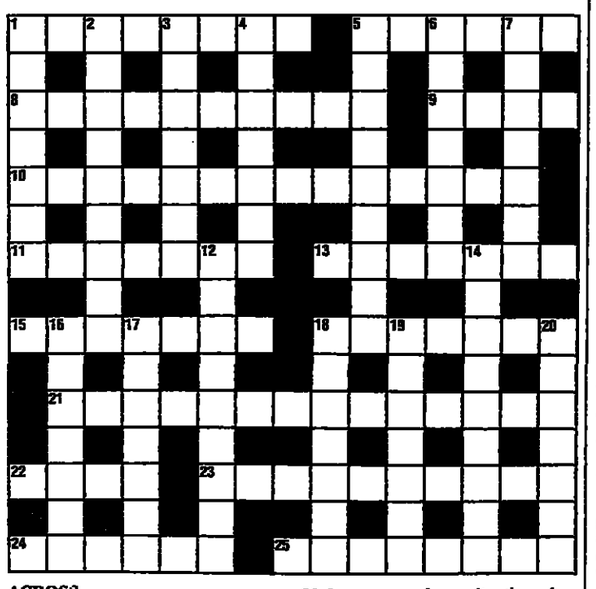

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9 Relation held back by relation (4).
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6 Essential ingredient I included in main TV broadcast (7).
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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	19.00	17.50
Belgium Fr	55.60	51.40
Canada $	2.00	1.84
Denmark Kr	10.52	9.74
Finland Mkk	9.18	8.38
France Fr	9.19	8.49
Germany Dm	2.68	2.49
Greece Dr	363.00	338.00
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pr	1.105	1.025
Italy Lira	2430.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	178.50	159.50
Netherlands Gld	3.04	2.81
Norway Kr	11.47	10.67
Portugal Epc	255.00	237.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	202.25	189.25
Sweden Kr	12.40	11.60
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	17006.0	16000.0
USA $	1.575	1.445

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WEATHER

North and east England and central Scotland starting dry and cloudy. Outbreaks of rain or showers already into Wales, Northern Ireland and western England will spread quickly northeast, although there may be some brightness inland in the afternoon. Sunny intervals and showers will reach Northern Ireland by the evening. It will feel muggy everywhere. Outlook: fresher with sunshine and showers. Warm in the south.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Madrid	31	88	s
Alcudia	27	81	s	Majorca	26	79	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Malta	25	77	s
Amst'dm	17	63	d	Melb'rne	15	59	s
Athens	27	81	s	Mexico C*	22	72	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	23	73	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	24	75	f
Barcelona	25	77	f	Moscow	16	61	r
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	14	57	r
Belgrade	20	68	f	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Naples	28	82	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	N Delhi	38	100	s
Borde'x	26	79	s	N York*	31	88	s
Brussels	17	63	c	Nice	22	72	s
Budapst	20	68	c	Oslo	17	63	t
B Aires*	9	48	c	Paris	17	63	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Peking	34	93	s
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Perth	15	59	c
Chicago*	26	79	t	Prague	18	64	f
Ch'church	12	54	c	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Cologne	15	59	d	Rio de J	33	91	f
C'phagn	17	63	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Rome	24	75	f
Dublin	18	64	f	Salzburg	17	63	f
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	S Fr'sco*	19	66	s
Faro	29	84	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Florence	24	75	f	Seoul	29	84	f
Frankfurt	15	59	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Stckholm	19	66	f
Geneva	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Helsinki	16	61	r	Tangier	30	86	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tenerife	28	82	s
Innsbruck	16	61	f	Tokyo	28	82	c
Istanbul	21	70	f	Toronto*	25	77	c
Jeddah	38	102	s	Tunis	26	77	s
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Valencia	27	81	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Vanc'ver*	17	63	c
La Toquet	16	61	f	Venice	23	73	f
Lisbon	30	86	s	Vienna	17	63	s
Locarno	22	72	f	Warsaw	13	55	r
L Angeles*	24	75	c	Wash'ton*	36	97	s
Luxembg	14	57	c	Wellington	12	54	d
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	14	57	r

* denotes figures are latest available

POLLEN COUNT

Scotland low to moderate; N Ireland moderate; Wales low to moderate; South West low; North low to moderate; East Anglia low to moderate; Midlands low to moderate; South East low; London low.

MANCHESTER

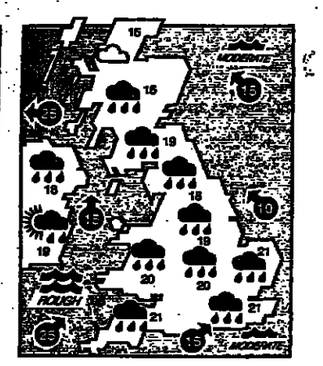
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am,13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.57in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.6hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	12.6	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	1.9	0.08	16	61	rain
Aviemore	11.5	-	20	68	sunny
Belfast	1.2	0.13	15	59	rain
Birmingham	1.1	0.13	18	61	rain
Bournemouth	2.1	0.25	16	61	rain
Bristol	2.1	0.60	17	63	rain
Buxton	2.4	0.05	15	59	rain
Cardiff	2.3	0.51	16	61	rain
Clacton	2.4	0.01	19	66	shower
Colwyn Bay	2.2	0.02	17	63	rain
Cromer	11.0	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	8.1	-	18	64	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.1	-	16	61	bright
Glasgow	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Guernsey	2.5	0.09	19	66	cloudy
Isle of Man	1.7	0.02	15	59	rain
Jersey	2.7	0.07	18	64	rain
Kinloss	13.1	-	18	61	sunny
Leeds	6.1	-	20	68	rain
Lerwick	0.2	0.01	11	52	cloudy
Liverpool	4.7	0.03	18	64	rain
London	3.2	0.03	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	8.5	-	20	68	bright
Manchester	5.1	0.07	17	63	rain
Margate	5.9	0.01	19	66	rain
Newcastle	7.0	-	18	65	bright
Nottingham	3.8	0.02	18	64	rain
Penzance	1.9	0.38	16	61	drizzle
Plymouth	2.5	0.44	16	61	rain
Salcombe	-	0.30	17	63	rain
Sandown	0.9	0.24	16	61	rain
Saunton Snd	2.5	0.65	16	61	rain
Scarborough	9.0	-	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	0.8	0.24	17	63	drizzle
Stornoway	7.9	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	1.8	0.25	17	63	rain
Tenby	-	0.75	17	63	rain
Tiree	7.3	-	17	63	rain
Torquay	1.7	0.20	17	63	rain
Weymouth	2.1	0.30	15	59	rain

These are Tuesday's figures



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	AM	HT	PM	HT		AM	HT	PM	HT
TODAY					TODAY				
London Bridge	10.52	5.7	11.16	6.6	Liverpool	8.26	7.4	9.02	7.6
Aberdeen	10.45	3.3	11.24	3.4	Lowestoft	6.58	2.1	7.01	2.0
Avonmouth	3.56	9.9	4.27	10.2	Margate	9.12	3.9	9.36	3.9
Belfast	8.13	2.9	8.49	3.0	Milford Haven	3.11	5.2	3.49	5.3
Cardiff	3.41	9.3	4.12	9.6	Newquay	2.10	5.3	2.47	5.4
Devonport	1.12	4.3	2.07	4.4	Oban	2.23	3.0	2.43	3.0
Dover	8.17	5.2	8.40	5.4	Penzance	1.27	4.3	2.18	4.4
Falmouth	1.42	4.1	2.37	4.2	Portland	1.31	1.3	2.46	1.5
Glasgow	10.16	3.7	10.43	4.0	Portsmouth	7.20	3.8	7.50	4.1
Harwich	8.51	3.3	9.20	3.2	Shoreham	8.23	4.6	8.54	4.9
Holyhead	7.42	4.4	8.23	4.6	Southampton	8.22	3.7	8.48	4.9
Ilfracombe	3.25	5.6	3.54	5.8	Swansea	3.02	7.1	3.38	7.2
King's Lynn	3.35	4.8	4.00	4.9	Tees	12.51	4.3	1.12	4.4
Leith	11.54	4.4			W'ton-on-Nze	9.51	3.4	9.19	3.4

TIDES

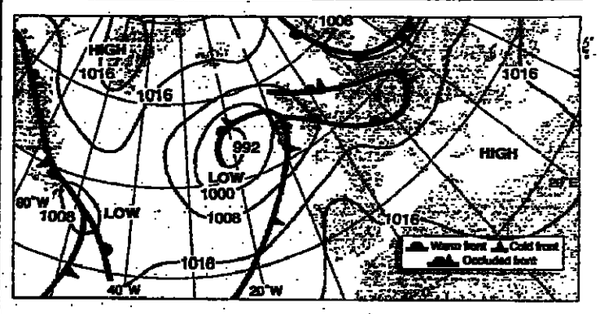
London 9.42 pm to 4.31 am
Bristol 9.51 pm to 4.41 am
Edinburgh 10.19 pm to 4.16 am
Manchester 10.00 pm to 4.29 am
Penzance 9.57 pm to 4.59 am

SUN AND MOON

Sun rises: 5.01 am
Sun sets: 9.12 pm
Moon rises 1.14 am
Moon sets 5.41 pm
New moon July 19

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	c	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'mingham	19	66	c	Inverness	17	63	f
Blackpool	16	61	f	Jersey	17	63	c
Bristol	19	66	d	London	20	68	c
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'nchester	18	64	c
Edinburgh	14	57	d	Newcastle	13	55	c
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'nldsway	15	59	c



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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5005 (+0.0080)
German mark .. 2.5783 (+0.0122)
Exchange index ..... 81.7 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2832.3 (-4.8)
Dow Jones .. 3538.63 (+23.19)*
Nikkei Avge .. 20139.11 (-41.31)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6-5⅞%
US Federal Funds..... 2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.01-3.00%*
Long Bond 6.59%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£/$ 1.5025*	£/$ 1.5015
$/DM .. 1.7155*	£/DM 2.5774
$/SWfr. 1.5095*	£/SWfr... 2.2688
$/Fr ... 5.6600*	£/Fr 8.8220
$/Yen .107.36*	£/Yen ... 161.57
£/SDR .. 1.0759	£/ECU .. 1.3212

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 395.70 ..... PM 394.40
Close 391.80-392.20
New York:
Comex 391.15-391.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Headline rate of inflation falls to 1.2%

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH headline inflation last month fell to its lowest level since 1964, showing that there is no sign of sterling's devaluation, lower interest rates and the glimmerings of higher economic activity leading to pressure on prices.

The headline measure of inflation, the RPI index, fell to an annual rate of 1.2 per cent in June from 1.3 per cent in May, its lowest since February, 1964. The underlying rate of inflation, RPI excluding mortgage payments, which is targeted by the government, was unchanged at 2.8 per cent, the lowest since records began in 1975.

Monthly inflation figures have consistently bettered forecasts in the City this year and a consensus is forming that the government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target for this year and next is unlikely to be breached. City forecasts for June had expected a rise in the RPI to 1.5 per cent and an *increase in underlying inflation* to 3 per cent.

Yesterday's figures for retail price inflation follow Monday's news that factory gate prices remain subdued and Tuesday's evidence of another good performance from manufacturing industry.

Robert Thomas, chief UK economist of NatWest Capital Markets, said that manufacturers may be producing more but are finding it difficult to pass on the increased costs they bear because of devaluation in the form of higher prices to their customers.

He has revised down his forecast for underlying inflation from 4.7 per cent at the end of next year to 4.1 per cent and said: "Any inflation problem isn't in 1994 but 1995. If that is the case, you have to ask whether sterling's *strength shouldn't be met with* interest rate cuts."

He noted that the pound's recent rally has cost British companies around one third of the competitive advantage gained since September, equivalent to a rise in base rates of about 1 per cent.

Yesterday's figures provided more evidence of the subdued state of consumer demand. The Central Statistical Office said that the fall in inflation in June largely reflected the early start to summer sales, normally concentrated in July. Household goods prices fell 0.6 per cent in June, the largest fall in any June since records began in 1956. A fall of 0.9 per cent in clothing and footwear prices was the largest in any June since 1952.

June's sales could mean that price falls in July will not be as pronounced as usual but the CSO said demand may be so weak that sales are prolonged and July will still see further discounting.

June also saw sharp falls in seasonal food prices of 4.6 per cent, with cheaper fresh vegetables a feature. Also helping the inflation profile were lower *electricity prices and telephone charges*. July should see further electricity price falls and the usual declines in seasonal food prices, according to the CSO.

The only area where there appears to be modest price pressure is the cars sector.

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Pressure on ERM as Germans mix signals

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE French franc fell sharply to near-record lows and pressure built up in the European exchange-rate mechanism yesterday as the Bundesbank sent mixed signals about German monetary policy through *its money market repurchase* operations. The franc closed in Europe at DM2.4175, half a centime down, and just 0.4 per cent from its ERM limit of DM3.4305.

Dealers reported that most selling was by European and French industrial companies, rather than the US-based bond investors and speculative funds prominent in last year's attacks on the pound and the lira. Some analysts found the apparent absence of speculators reassuring, but others said that speculators may yet strike the franc a blow if the Bundesbank fails to ease *German monetary policy decisively* in coming weeks.

The Bundesbank cut its key repo rate by only 0.02 points, disappointing hopes that it would pave the way for a cut in official rates today, but it also offered more liquidity and bought the franc, suggesting *willingness to defend it.*

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Small investor: Last minute applications for the government's £5 billion BT3 share offer trickled into banks across the country to beat the 10am deadline yesterday. Sarah Burgin, 2½, clutching her application form, just made it to National Westminster Bank in the City on time along with her sister Samantha and mother Tracey Adamson.

Sarah was mesmerised by the pack of photographers outside and took some coaxing from Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, who was manning the door, before she *would allow herself to be ushered in to* hand over her form.

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SFO to investigate Gooda Walker

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Serious Fraud Office has launched an investigation into the Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's of London, prompting calls for a freeze on cash-demands on names who face losses of up to £1 billion.

The investigation of "certain transactions" will renew attention on Tony Gooda and Derek Walker, agent and underwriter respectively in the Gooda Walker partnership. Both claim to have lost fortunes at Lloyd's. Mr Walker was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court in 1982, on *fraud charges relating to large* aviation reinsurances. The SFO action comes after the publication, three months ago, of a hard-hitting report on Gooda Walker, which alleged that profits had been inflated to enhance performance and attract new members. The report by Ken Randall, a former Lloyd's regulator, was commissioned by GW Run-Off, the agency appointed to manage the syndicates' affairs after the Gooda Walker agency went into liquidation in 1991.

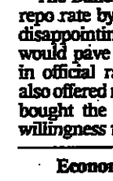
Lloyd's is separately investigating the conduct of Gooda Walker agents. A spokesman said that the enquiries were being conducted "as speedily as consistent with a thorough approach".

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents about 4,000 names, welcomed the SFO move. He also called on Lloyd's to freeze cash-calls and deposit draw-downs while the SFO enquiry is in progress. Tom Benyon, director of the Society of Names, described continuing draw-downs against members as "outrageous", and called for a moratorium on payments.

The SFO investigation is likely to centre on the use of time and distance policies, which provide cash against future investment income. The Randall report alleged that certain Gooda Walker syndicates "significantly enhanced" their profits using the policies, and used the results to attract hundreds of new names.

The Gooda Walker syndicates were among those hardest hit by the "excess of loss" spiral at Lloyd's triggered by a series of catastrophes in the late 1980s. More than 2,000 members are suing Lloyd's agencies for negligence in an *attempt to recover their losses.* Five have committed suicide.

Competition flies to the traveller's side



IRWIN STELZER

If Europe's air travellers want to know what a regime of deregulated air travel can do for their wallets, they should cast an envious eye across the Atlantic. And if Europe's investors think life in the coming competitive era will consist of an unbroken series of profitable quarters, they had better think again. In the past three years, America's ten leading airlines have lost $10 billion, and most of the industry's outstanding debt is now rated as junk.

Continental Airlines has only just emerged from bankruptcy; Northwest has, at least for the moment, put off a similar fate by wringing concessions from its unions; and America West remains a bankrupt. Continental and Northwest are suing American for starting what they consider a predatory fare war and so, separately, is newcomer UltrAir.

Asia's carriers are demanding that America's airlines renegotiate the deal that gave United and Northwest the right to pick up passengers in Asia and fly them to other places in Asia; British Airways is struggling to extricate itself from the Virgin mess and to make sense of its investment in loss-making USAir; and the Clinton administration is so upset by all of this turmoil that it has convened a "national committee to ensure a competitive airline industry". But travellers are smiling. Deregulation may create problems for carriers, especially those with *bloated costs, but it is wonderful* for consumers. Their fun, which looked like it might be coming to an end as air fares stabilised, is starting anew.

As summer approached, many airlines decided not to offer the vacation bargains that had induced so many to take to the skies in recent years. The recovering economy promised to fill more seats with businessmen headed for meetings and the lay-up of many aircraft had reduced excess capacity. The time seemed ripe to end the fare wars that had plagued managements and shareholders. But two funny things happened on the way to the anticipated profits feast.

Consumers said no to higher fares, choosing motor vacations *instead.* And new upstart airlines once again entered the business — 15 in the first quarter of the year, with 20 more applications pending. Enough are scheduled carriers to provide new alternatives for budget-conscious fliers. The result, a new round of fare cuts. The entry of Kiwi Airlines, put together by former pilots of the *defunct Eastern Airlines*, was dramatic. From Newark airport, Kiwi will carry passengers to Chicago and back for $241 against $738 charged by American and United for a similar trip from nearby La Guardia.

More important for vacationers is the war that has *erupted on routes to Florida.* Cash-starved Continental triggered the battle by cutting fares between Newark and several Florida cities to about $338. Enter Carnival Air and Kiwi, offering fares of $201 to Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, home of Disney World. Delta and USAir followed, cutting fares 40 per cent, *from $338, to match their rivals.*

These routes are about equal in length to London-Rome, which costs the most economy-minded traveller $344. Fare cuts weredriven by what appears to have become holiday-makers' *permanent taste for bargain* fares. And businessmen, driven by recession and competition in their own markets to keep costs down, have found the fax and the video conference are acceptable alternatives to high fares.

What makes these new entrants willing to challenge incumbents is that planes, available in abundance, can be leased at very low rates, and that pilots, laid off by major carriers, gladly accept positions with newcomers at wages well below those of the union labour employed by their larger competitors.

Most important, the hub-and-spoke systems of the majors are proving expensive to operate. Passengers are funnelled along so-called spokes into large, expensive hubs, such as Chicago, and out again to their ultimate destinations. Often, smaller point-to-point carriers, with low overheads and low operating costs, can operate on a "spoke" more efficiently. They are rushing to fill such niches.

The result will likely be an industry of small, "no frills" airlines, coexisting with slimmed-down larger rivals that can efficiently serve long-haul routes. Not a bad deal for consumers.

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Big shareholders clampdown on executive option schemes

Halpern: change made

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

INSTITUTIONS are clamping down on directors' share options as part of a broader campaign by large shareholders to curb boardroom excesses.

Big City fund managers will no longer support option schemes which do not depend on performance, either because the options are granted at a discount to the prevailing share price or that are fulfilled even when profits or earnings barely improve.

Sir Ralph Halpern, the former Burton chairman, drew enormous fire from insitutions over a proposed option package in the eighties, which was watered down after shareholder pressure. More recently, Martin Sorrell came under fire for granting 321,981 options at a 30 per cent discount to the market price to Robert Lerwill, the WPP finance director.

Share options have had an enormous impact on the take-home pay in British boardrooms. In 1991, as recession began to bite hard, chief executive salaries in Britain fell 7 per cent, but if long-term benefits such as share options were included they were actually 26 per cent better off.

The fresh moves against share options, announced yesterday, are in readiness for the glut of renewals of schemes first launched in the mid-eighties. The National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers are insisting that granting of options is based on publicly declared performance targets, not capable of manipulation, and approved by a remuneration committee, as laid down in the Cadbury guidelines on corporate governance.

At present, few directors' options schemes have any performance targets attached. The joint NAPF and ABI share scheme guidance follows a consultative document issued in September 1992, which proposed using share price performance as the basis for option schemes. Because of apparent disagreement in the City over the relevance of share price performance and the volatility of new FRS3 earnings figures, the institutions have decided to throw the responsibility for setting performance criteria back at the companies. The document states: "It is recognised that share schemes can be an important part of an executive's remuneration. However, executive share schemes can deliver reward to company managements even when it is judged that the company's performance has been poor. This is not in the interests of shareholders nor is it readily understandable by the public or employees."

The institutions have also closed the door on granting options at a discount to prevaling stock market prices. Institutions feel that by using the remuneration committees as a lever they are reinforcing Cadbury principles. The ABI-NAPF said yesterday: "Any company proposing a share scheme should note that support for the proposals is unlikely to be forthcoming unless the company has in existence a properly constituted remuneration committee which has a formal responsibility for the scheme." The document adds: "full details of the criteria which are felt appropriate should, therefore, be disclosed both when the scheme is put forward for approval by shareholders and annually thereafter".

Inland Revenue rules state that options must be held for three years before exercise and must not exceed four times annual salary. Employment schemes are not allowed by the institutions to dilute capital by more than 10 per cent, half of which is limited to directors.

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Sorrell: under fire

UK's productivity '25% behind' rivals DTI report admits

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Publication of a previously confidential report raises searching questions about Britain's ability to compete on equal terms in global markets

THE government yesterday acknowledged a large-scale competitiveness gap between British industry and its foreign rivals, with productivity in UK business at least 25 per cent behind those of its principal competitors.

The government's admission of the poor British performance came in the long-delayed publication of a previously confidential report on the state of industry drawn up for Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade. It is likely to prompt a searching reaction from British business.

The government has risked provoking Labour criticism by still not publishing in full the Department of Trade and Industry's report, which went to the prime minister this year. It has only published a bowdlerised version, shorn of all policy analysis and advice.

Earlier this year, newspaper reports of the study, carried out by the trade department's new competitiveness division, prompted political outrage at both the relatively weak performance of British industry and attacks on the government for failing to support industry properly. In April, Mr Heseltine promised the trade and industry committee that he would make the factual basis of the full report available to it, and yesterday the committee disclosed the DTI's document — without the supporting conclusions on British industry, which were presented to Mr Major and which were believed to paint an extremely bleak picture of the state of British business.

Even without this analysis, the 27-page document, examined by the select committee yesterday, ackowledged publicly for the first time the government's estimate that UK companies are 25 per cent behind their rivals in terms of their productivity.

DTI officials giving evidence to the committee stressed the improvement in the performance of British industry rather than the gap, with Dr Bob Dobbie, head of the trade department's competitiveness division saying that "the UK has been from the end of the 1970s being closing the gap, which was then about 40-45 per cent against France and Germany to around 25 per cent now".

They denied that this gave a "bleak picture" of the performance of British business, though in a committee session that was sometimes sticky, Dr Dobbie was forced to defend his department against strong questioning. At one point, Richard Caborn, the committee's Labour chairman, asked him: "Are you living in the real world in your unit?"

Dr Dobbie was critical of training in Britain, which had left British employees underqualified compared with their foreign counterparts, and about the performance of management.

While accepting that the best British companies stood comparison with any in the world, the DTI's competitiveness study says that "management in many companies could be improved".

The department said last night it attached the "greatest importance" to improving the competitiveness of industry.

Former communist Hungarian Miklós Németh

Németh moves up running at EBRD

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

MIKLÓS Németh, an ex-communist and former Hungarian prime minister, could emerge as a serious contender to head the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) after the audit committee reports today on the bank's free-spending ways under Jacques Attali, its departing president.

The seven-man committee will distribute its findings to the bank's directors late tonight, to give them time to scrutinise the hundreds of pages of detail before a meeting tomorrow morning.

The report, billed by EBRD officials as "quite damaging", will be released to the press tomorrow afternoon. The audit committee has demanded full disclosure, convinced that this will help consign the whole issue to the past.

Officials said the findings are likely to be damaging about key personnel and the procedures employed in monitoring spending.

The probe has produced a report from the audit committee, led by Claes de Neergaard, the bank's Swedish director. There is a separate report from Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, and another from the bank's auditors. Governors ordered the enquiry after the furore about the £55 million the bank spent on its marble-clad offices, the use of chartered jets and costly entertainment. This contrasted starkly with the low level of funds disbursed to eastern and central Europe.

The EBRD has since been increasingly active in its target markets and has boosted its operational profit during the first half of this year. By the end of June, total projects approved came to 2.32 billion ecus. Funds committed stood at Ecu1.48 billion, while funds disbursed were Ecu231 million. The total amount mobilised with EBRD involvement was Ecu11 billion.

Although Mr Németh, EBRD vice-president for personnel and administation, is part of M Attali's executive committee, the audit committee probe is understood not to attach personal blame to him.

Sources close to the bank believe he could be put forward for the EBRD's top job.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Computer companies give warning of losses

FURTHER chaos hit the personal computer market as Dell Computer Corporation announced it will plunge into the red for the second quarter of this year, and AST Research said it will write off $125 million related to the acquisition of Tandy computers, giving it a loss for its fourth quarter and for the year. The warnings come less than two days after Apple Computer increased pressure on the industry's profit margins by cutting prices of some products by up to 30 per cent.

Dell says restructuring will cost it a pre-tax $85 million, which will push second-quarter losses to as much as $66 million. That could trigger defaults on some of its lending agreements, but it is working to gain a waiver if this occurs. Michael Dell, 28, the founder, says profits growth should resume by the end of the year. AST's warning accompanied the completion of its $175 million purchase of Tandy's personal computer manufacturing operations, which ranks it the fourth-largest personal computer maker in the US.

Firms' failures up 27%

MORE than 57,000 firms failed in Britain last year, according to the annual report, out yesterday, of the insolvency service, an agency within the trade department. Bankruptcies and company liquidations rose in 1992 by nearly 27 per cent on 1991, with building, business services, retailing, metals and engineering, and transport and communication badly hit. The 32,106 bankruptcies and 24,425 company liquidations in England and Wales, plus 670 company liquidations in Scotland, made 57,201, from 45,081.

Nobo Group surges

LOWER interest rates and cash from a disposal helped Nobo Group, the office equipment maker based in East Sussex, to make a 48.8 per cent advance in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits rose to £1.65 million in the year to end-April, from £1.11 million last time. The total dividend is raised to 4.8p (3.5p), with an improved final payout of 3.3p (2.5p). Turnover dipped to £21.1 million (£21.2 million). There was an extraordinary charge of £239,000, relating to the disposal of Budgie Office Products. Earnings climb to 10.41p (6.34p) a share.

Batleys declines

BATLEYS, the Huddersfield cash and carry group, disclosed pre-tax profits of £6.5 million (£8.3 million) in the year to end-April. Profits were hit by the rising competition from discount retailers like Aldi and Netto, said the board, and the effect of Sunday opening by the big supermarkets on corner shops. Earnings per share fell to 28.06p (35.54p). The ordinary shares are held by a private company controlled by the Batley family, with a few preference shares owned publicly. The £2.8 million interim dividend goes to the private company.

Headlam acquisition

HEADLAM Group, the acquisitive fabrics to footwear group, is buying Claremont Fabrics, a textile converter and wholesaler of fabrics, for £5.3 million, in a deal funded mainly by a rights issue. Shareholders are being offered two shares for every 13 held, at 127p a share, to raise £5.5 million, with £5.04 million of the proceeds going to Claremont's vendors and the balance being used to provide additional working capital. The move reinforces Headlam's strategy to concentrate on the distribution of fabrics and floorcoverings.

Chairman for Simon

SIMON Engineering ended its three-month search for a chairman with the appointment of Michael Davies, 59, the chairman of Calor Gas and deputy chairman of TI Group. He replaces Sir Philip Foreman who stepped up temporarily in April, on the death of Roy Roberts. Sir Philip, who will stay on as deputy chairman, said in May that the company is likely to make a loss in the first half because of problems in paper engineering and petroleum technology, and said debts had continued to rise.

Build-up for Wales

THE Welsh economy was boosted by £250 million of construction work in 1992-3, according to House for Wales, the government agency that funds the principality's housing associations. In its annual report, the agency states that it funded 5,274 homes, a 49 per cent increase. Most of the finance was obtained from government grants — including £35 million allocated to buy unsold private houses and rent them to families in need. The private sector contributed £73 million, principally through banks and building societies.

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Japan to cut European car exports

FROM TOM WALKER
IN STRASBOURG

MARTIN Bangemann, EC industry commissioner, yesterday persuaded Japan to reduce its exports of cars to Europe as sales figures in the Community market continue their unprecedented slump.

Japanese exports are now expected to be cut by between 9 per cent and the 18 per cent the commission was seeking, as both sides continue in their effort to hammer out a compromise. A deal would exclude the so-called Japanese transplants located in Britain.

With most EC car makers under extreme pressure, Herr Bangemann hopes the final details of a new export regime can be worked out in further talks with Japanese officials in late August and September. A spokesman for Herr Bangemann said that the Japanese concession, wrought after three days of tense talks in Brussels, was an "important step." In April the Commission had asked for reductions from Tokyo on the basis of a forecast showing a 6.5 per cent drop in EC car sales. Latest figures from the European Car Makers' Association (ACEA) show that sales have in fact plummeted an average 17.8 per cent for the first six months of 1993.

Bangemann: persuasion

"The market is much worse than anyone expected," said a Commission source. "We are much more pessimistic than the Japanese. With the exception of the UK, all other markets are having to revise their figures down."

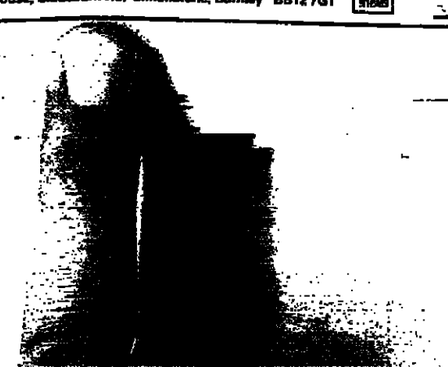
The car statistics, coupled with the new sales success enjoyed by Rover, confirm to an extent that Britain is profiting from its short-term economic recovery. If sales continue to slump in continental Europe, however, the long-term forecasts for Britain cannot be healthy.

Latest ACEA figures show that new registrations rose 9 per cent in Britain between January and June. Only Ireland, where the market dropped by 2 per cent, came even near to some sort of stability.

In Belgium and Luxembourg sales slumped 24 per cent, in Germany by 20 per cent, in France 18 per cent and in Italy by 22 per cent.

The Commission said that although overall Japanese exports will have to be lowered, the protected markets of Italy, France and Spain will have to accept greater numbers of Japanese cars. There is a real danger that the French government could object to such a clause, and bring down any final accord.

Jacques Calvet, the president of Peugeot, has taken his firm out of the ACEA, which he thinks has been too concessionary towards Japan.



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Accounting switch rubs out profits at Tiphook

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TIPHOOK, Europe's biggest leasing and trailer rental group and the subject of two insider trading enquiries this summer, has wiped out profits for the latest financial year by switching to US accounting principles.

The company, chaired by Robert Montague, was forced late last week to issue a formal statement on the proposed accounting changes when its share price started to slide. The extent of the damage to the profit and loss account of what the company says are one-off losses was on show last night, prompting another fall for the shares of 27p, to 259p.

Tiphook made profits of £55.5 million, down from a comparable £86.4 million, in the year to April 30, before a raft of one-off charges totalling £77.3 million sent the pre-tax figure to a £21.8 million loss. A 14.4p final dividend makes a total 2p higher at 19.3p.

The one-off costs were caused by changes to the accounting policy to reflect the fact that Tiphook is increasingly a US business. Mr Montague said the group had increasingly had to go to the US bond markets to raise funds. Meanwhile, buying by American investors meant that less than 30 per cent of the shares were now held in Britain and about half in the US. Some 60 per cent of the group's revenues were received in dollars. There was a need, therefore, for "greater clarity" in achieving consistency between British and American accounting principles.

Tiphook is working with its advisers on a plan to convert the share capital and reserves into dollars, and the proposal will in due course be put to shareholders. But the company will remain domiciled in Britain, with stock market listings in New York, London, Frankfurt and Hong Kong.

The apparent leak to the market on Friday, which followed a similar slide before a profits warning at the end of May, is now the subject of two parallel investigations, one by the company and the other by the Stock Exchange. Mr Montague refused to comment on the progress of the company's own enquiry or whether it would take in the conduct of its financial advisors.

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A chaser for beer: Michael Ward, Bulmer's finance director, and John Rudgard, chief executive, yesterday

Cider boom lifts Bulmer sales and payout

BY MARTIN WALLER

DRINKERS of cider, one of the few growth areas of the drinks business in recent years, will spend one pound for every nine that is spent on beer by the end of the century, says John Rudgard, chief executive of HP Bulmer Holdings.

Bulmer, which is spending £100,000 promoting its premium Scrumpy Jack by sponsoring the English rugby team this year, saw sales of its main brand, Strongbow, rise by 17 per cent in the year to end-April. This helped propel profits before tax from £17.1 million to £19.6 million. A final dividend of 6.4p makes a total of 10.15p, up from 9p.

The shares jumped 13p to 419p on the news. Analysts expect a pre-tax figure of £22.5 million for the current year as the group continues to ride high on the success of the premium cider market, of which it claims a 25 per cent share.

Of concern, however, remains the group's Pectin offshoot, which dates back almost 70 years but saw operating profits cut from £2.5 million to £1 million last year. All options are under consideration for the business, including a sale, Mr Rudgard said. (Tempus, page 27)

BT3 public offer closes quietly on 1.5 m applications

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE public offer for the government's £5 billion sale of its remaining British Telecom stake (BT3) closed yesterday morning without the traditional last minute stampede of investors racing to get their application forms in on time.

The Treasury said the offer had attracted 1.4 million applications by 8 am yesterday and government advisers estimate the final figure will inch up to a total of around 1.5 million when the applications from those who trekked into 25 banks around the country to hand in their forms in person are counted.

The Treasury has said at least half the 1.22 billion shares being sold will go to the public although it has reserved the right to increase the number of shares in the public offer to 67 per cent of the total. As applications have been received from the public for around two thirds of the shares it seems likely that the public allocation will be increased, though not as high as 67 per cent.

James Sassoon, a director of S G Warburg which is global co-ordinator of the sale, said yesterday: "This is the first big privatisation offer when people have seen that there is no likelihood of a big first day stagging opportunity."

The government's advisers will decide the basis of allocation over the weekend after the close of the international tender offer on Friday. Trading starts on Monday. Private investors can still participate in the retail tender, as part of the international offer which stays open until close of business on Friday. Those planning to participate in the retail tender must submit applications for a minimum of 2,000 shares, although the minimum application is lower for personal equity plan applicants.

The Treasury said yesterday that Pep applicants in the retail tender, with a minimum application of 1,000 shares and a maximum of 2,000 shares, will be given more favourable treatment in allocation of shares.

Those participating in the retail tender will not be eligible for the incentives offered to those applying through share shops or the share information office in the UK public offer who will receive a 10p discount on each of the three BT3 instalments.

The price of the third instalment will be set over the weekend. Institutions are bidding at a fully paid price of between 8p to 10p above the current market price. This is below the estimated time value of the shares of between 12p and 15p. The time value takes into account interest rates on the amount of money investors will be holding back to pay for the shares over the 15 months before the final payment is due. Last night, the shares lost their 1p gain of earlier in the day to close unchanged at 410½p.

National fiasco hits Stanley Leisure

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE abandonment of this year's Grand National helped depress profits at Stanley Leisure's racing division to £5.7 million (£6.2 million), but provincial casinos took up the reins to become the group's biggest profits contributor with £6.7 million, compared with £5.9 million last time.

Overall, Leonard Steinberg's group, the fourth biggest bookmaker in the UK and a casino operator, which has sidestepped the decline of the "high-roller" gambling establishments of London, boosted pre-tax profits by 3 per cent to £8.05 million, on sales up 7 per cent at £218.5 million.

In the year to May 2, earnings per share increased 4 per cent to 12.78p (12.32p restated). The final dividend of 2.80p makes a total for the year of 4.32p, compared with 4.16p.

Mr Steinberg, chairman, said the average stake per bet in the racing division, had moved forward marginally, and the advent of evening racing was making a "satisfactory" contribution to turnover.

Meanwhile, he added that the improvement in trading in the casino division, referred to in the interim statement, had continued. Three casinos were refurbished during the year, and the Stoke casino, acquired last month, is performing up to expectations.

In addition, net assets per share at Stanley are up 10 per cent on last year at £2.10p, partly the result of a £5.3 million surplus on property revaluation.

Nigel Hicks, leisure analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker, is pencilling in profits of about £8.8 million for this year.

Price war signals depress Unilever

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SHARES in Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch detergents-to-food group, fell dramatically for a second consecutive day as fears of a looming price war with Procter & Gamble, its American rival, grew.

Unilever's shares fell 17p to 960p when the market opened yesterday, extending Tuesday's 25p fall which followed the news that P&G was set to cut the price of several of its detergents by 3 per cent to 15 per cent in the US. Fears that this may lead to a widespread price war further fuelled Unilever's slide.

P&G introduced a policy of permanently low prices, rather than short-term price promotions, on many of its products in the US last year. It is expected to announce plans to extend this strategy to new product areas when it meets with analysts in the US today.

The latest move is also seen as a competitive response to Unilever's recent multi-million dollar launch of a new type of concentrated liquid detergent, which P&G has yet to develop. Without its own version of the product, some analysts believe P&G has been forced to compete on price instead.

A Unilever spokesman said: "We have been expecting this defensive action from P&G for some time. They cannot match the quality of our new product and have therefore responded in the only way possible. We will respond positively to maintain our market position."

John Campbell, a food analyst at NatWest Securities, believes the fall in Unilever's share price may have been overdone. "This is a quality international stock which is not just about the detergent markets in the US, but is also about growth markets in Asia and elsewhere."

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Markheath in talks on restructuring

BY CARL MORTISHED

MARKHEATH, the property group 61 per cent owned by Adelaide Steamship, the Australian conglomerate, is in restructuring talks with Midland Bank and others aimed at rescuing the company, which has lost the bulk of its net worth due to a collapse in property values. Coopers & Lybrand is advising the company in talks over a possible debt-for-equity swap.

Markheath's directors said that results for the year to end-March will be delayed. The company's net worth has fallen from £55 million last year to below £15 million, less than half of the company's share capital. The directors will call an extraordinary meeting to consider what steps should be taken.

Adelaide Steamship made provisions of A$108 million (£49 million) in December, for its investment in Markheath, which made a loss of £4.7 million in the six months to September, and last year had almost £70 million of borrowings. Markheath's main assets are a site in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and one in Hammersmith, west London.

Storehouse hits at Dworkin

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SHARP criticism of a former chief executive of Storehouse, the retailing group, came from the rostrum at yesterday's annual meeting.

Ian Hay Davison, chairman, said that the abrupt departure of David Dworkin, only six months after becoming chief executive, had filled him with fury and prompted a change in executive contracts.

As a result, Storehouse has reduced the length of all employment contracts with executives to a maximum of two years.

Mr Hay Davison, in response to repeated questions from shareholders about Storehouse's executive pay-offs, said that Mr Dworkin had let down the BHS to Mothercare retailer.

He said: "Maybe, because he's an American and comes from a different cultural context, he did not understand that in this country you just don't leave a position of chief executive of a company so soon after taking it up."

Dworkin: quit top post

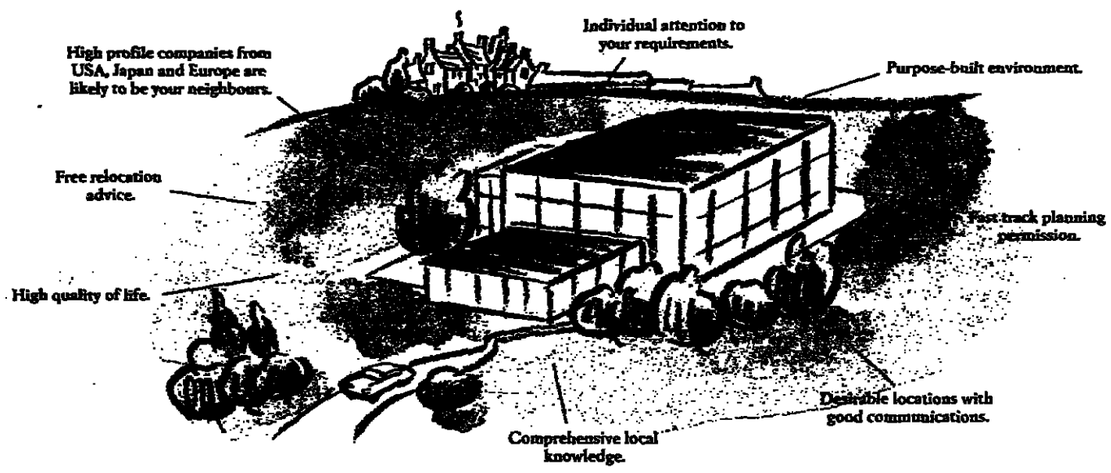
Storehouse paid Mr Dworkin £3.2 million for his last year at the company after he quit to take up another job in America. It also paid out £1.16 million in compensation to five directors, four of whom left as part of a management shake-out carried out by Mr Dworkin. Mr Hay Davison said that the board had now decided to put executives on two years' notice rather than on three-year deals, which are increasingly common practice.

He said he appreciated some people thought contracts should be even shorter. But he said a balance had to be struck between "the risks and rewards inherent in the job" to attract the right calibre of people.

Mr Dworkin's golden goodbye consisted of a £575,850 salary and a £2.7 million bonus for turning round BHS, where he was chief executive before become chief executive of the parent company.

Mr Hay Davison, acknowledged that Mr Dworkin had achieved dramatic results. He said that more than £400 million had been added to the stock market value of Storehouse since the beginning of last year.

The agm was told that first-quarter profits were up and Storehouse expected a further significant profit improvement for the year as a whole.



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Mercury turns its attention to gold

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN Baring, one of the City's more colourful mining analysts, is treading the path on which Sir James Goldsmith has firmly set his feet and investing directly in gold bullion.

The $56 million offshore International Gold and General Fund, recently established by Mercury Asset Management and incorporated in Jersey, has been granted permission by the Hong Kong authorities (where the fund is registered) to invest up to half of its assets directly in gold. By contrast, the domestic Mercury Gold and General Fund invests in mining shares, with the emphasis on gold shares, but is not allowed, under UK regulations, to invest directly in bullion. The offshore fund is allowed to invest in gold bullion, and Mr Baring says "gold is a much safer investment than the shares".

Gold shares have served the Mercury Gold and General Fund well in the past six months and unit prices have risen more than 200 per cent — so there must be a temptation to take profits, he concedes. But he believes there is more scope in the gold price which has so far only risen by 20 per cent from its year's low.

"Gold shares tend to look a year ahead of the gold price, and gold shares are clearly telling you that the gold price is going to rise substantially from current levels," he said. The party has only been going for six months and will probably go on for two or three years, he suggests.

"Most institutions still have no gold exposure, only a few professional private client advisers have so far taken the plunge and the general public seem to have only the vaguest perception that something exciting is going on," he said. "Contrast that with the situation with past gold booms in the 1970s where gold was discussed at every drinks or dinner party and people who did not own a Krugerrand or two were considered financially illiterate."

☐ Worldwide bullion coin sales in the first half of 1993 were nearly 30 per cent higher at 818,842 ounces, the World Gold Council said. It is optimistic the sales growth will continue.

Gatt chief makes plea for hard bargaining

FROM GEORGE BROCK
IN GENEVA

Pointing the way: Peter Sutherland, who wants a brisk pace in global trade talks

THE world trade talks machinery spluttered back to life here yesterday, with the help of the jump-start given by the recent G7 summit in Tokyo.

But Peter Sutherland, the new director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, told ambassadors of the 111 countries hoping to sign a global trade liberalisation treaty by the end of this year that momentum would easily be lost if governments lost nerve and failed to start hard bargaining in the next few weeks.

The Tokyo deal by America, Europe, Japan and Canada guarantees minimum tariff cuts and symbolises "a substantial shift from commitments in words to commitments in action," Mr Sutherland said.

He added: "If we have a situation where everybody holds back, pending full explanation of everybody else's position, that's a recipe for stagnation. That happened before." The present Uruguay Round of Gatt talks is about to celebrate its seventh birthday.

Mr Sutherland, who has just taken over the Gatt secretariat, wants to set a brisk pace in the hope of persuading governments to do a deal before President Clinton's negotiating authority expires on December 15.

Negotiations on reducing tariff and other barriers to "market access" will continue throughout the summer. A large American team arrived here yesterday to take part in talks on subjects ranging from pharmaceuticals to marine insurance. An EC team is due here next Monday.

Mr Sutherland hopes to cut time-consuming diplomatic bureaucracy. He has asked trade ambassadors to address full-scale meetings only if they have something useful to say and to send formal statements in writing.

He said he would report on progress at the end of August and would not hesitate to pillory any states dragging their feet. To allow for the breaking of last-minute deadlocks, the bulk of negotiations on market access need to be completed by early autumn.

Four key issues are likely to stand out if agreement has been reached on lesser matters. America has registered reservations about proposals that will limit Congress's power to make trade law. Developing economies must decide ifthe developed world has kept its promise to open up the northern hemisphere's markets.

Japan and Korea must open highly protected domestic rice markets. France will have to either accept last November's EC-US deal on shrinking farm subsidies or risk a crisis in the community.

Builder loses land deal fight

Crest Nicholson, the housebuilder, has lost a court battle over a land deal which will cost it about £2 million.

The High Court ruling arises from a decision by the company in 1988 to pull out of a contract to buy development land near Reading, Berkshire. Crest said the court had decided the company had been wrong to refuse to complete the purchase and had awarded damages, interest and costs against it.

Wise declines

Margin pressure saw pre-tax profits at Leslie Wise Group, the textiles, womenswear and knitted fabrics group, decline 18.5 per cent to £1.23 million in the six months to end-May. Earnings slip to 2.38p (2.96p) a share. The interim is maintained at 1.75p.

Prism plus

A better than expected performance from its computer games division helped Prism Leisure Corporation lift pretax profits by 36.8 per cent to £1.33 million in the year to end-March.Total dividend is improved to 3.27p (2.725p) with an increased 2.37p final (1.975p).

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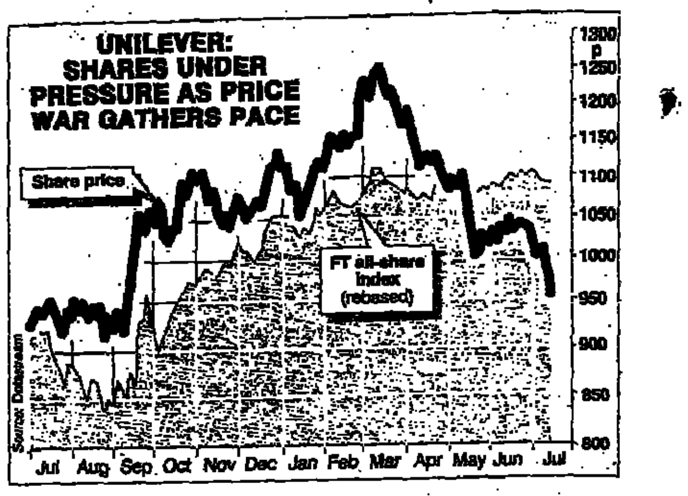
Adam & Harvey Group, the international distribution and steel stockholding group, is raising its dividend to 12p (11p), with a final payout of 7p (6p), in spite of a a 24.1 per cent decline in full-year profitsto £4.85 million (£6.4 million) in the year to end-March. Earnings fell to 54.2p (69.9p) a share.

Curran jobs

John Curran, the Cardiff manufacturing company, is investing £750,000 in a new aero engineering company at Deeside in Clwyd. The new company will create 65 jobs.

STOCK MARKET

Good news on prices and output fails to excite City weighed down with BT3



NEWS that inflation has fallen to its lowest for almost 30 years and this week's surprise jump in industrial output do not appear to have been registered in the City.

Share prices fluctuated in narrow limits before ending with modest losses on the day. The FT-SE 100 index, down 10.4 at one stage, eventually trimmed its loss to close 4.8 lower, at 2,832.3, helped by an opening rise on Wall Street. Turnover rose to 612 million, swollen by several large lines of stock passing through the market.

Dealers complain that the BT3 sale continues to weigh heavily, with investors reluctant to invest new funds until allocations are known. This week's positive economic news has also scuppered any lingering hopes of an early cut in bank base rates.

Reed International was an early casualty, falling 12p to 653p, after its Dutch partner Elsevier was hit by a profits downgrading in Amsterdam. Hoare Govett, the broker, is reckoned to have followed this up by cutting its forecast for Reed in London.

Lehman Brothers is taking an increasingly pessimistic view of prospects for **Glaxo**, down 3p to 553p, because of proposed US health reforms. It has cut its long-term earnings growth forecast and has reduced its pre-tax profit forecast by £60 million, to £1.6 billion, for the current year and by £150 million, to £1.8 billion, for 1994.

Power generators suffered losses as the stockbroker UBS turned bearish. It is urging clients to take profits and is becoming increasingly worried about regulatory pressures. Falls were recorded in **National Power**, down 10p to 348p, **PowerGen**, down 10p to 371p, **Scottish Hydro**, down 3p to 336p, and **Scottish Power**, down 3p to 314p.

UBS has also been trimming forecasts among food retailers. **Asda** eased ¾p to 61¾p, **Argyll** 3p to 307p, **Kwik Save** 8p to 684p, **Wm Morrison** 6p to 134p, **J. Sainsbury** 5p to 431p, and **Tesco** 6p to 201p.

Tiphook, the container and trailer rental group, fell a further 27p, to 259p, after confirming this week's market fears and plunging into loss.

Unilever, the Anglo/Dutch food and household products group, continued to lose ground, falling 24p to a year's low of 953p amid worries about a detergents price war after price-cutting by Procter & Gamble, the US group. **Reckitt & Colman** also fell 15p to 556p.

Among several big lines of stock on offer was a parcel of almost 7 million Abbey National shares, which left the price 5p down at 409p. The stockbroker James Capel took the business on as part of a bought deal, paying 410p a share and passing them to clients at 411p.

Newspaper publishers continued to feel the heat from the circulation war that has seen several tabloids cut cover prices. **United Newspapers**, publisher of the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, fell 5p to 516p. **Mirror Group** fell 3p to 148p and **Telegraph Group** 5p to 388p.

Minorco, the mining group, pushed up 118p to £12.52. Word is that it may use some of its $1.3 billion cash surplus to buy parts of Zambia's soon-to-be privatised copper industry.

MMI, the fast-growing international marketing group headed by Bob Morton, held steady at 29½p after a bullish circular from its broker, Shaw & Co.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts benefited from the latest inflation figures, with the September series of the **long gilt** on the futures market climbing almost £1 to £108 29/32 as 56,000 contracts were completed.

The market's strength enabled the Bank of England to issue further tranches of existing stock, including £700 million **Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 'B'** partly paid with an initial downpayment of £20. There were also £100 million of **index-linked 2½ per cent 2003** and £200 million of **index-linked 4⅛ per cent 2030**.

In the cash market, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** rose £13/16 to £110¼. In shorts, **Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998** firmed 10 ticks to £110 5/16.

MICHAEL CLARK

Inflation standstill lifts Dow

New York — American blue-chip shares recorded new session highs at midday as confirmation of low inflation and firm bond prices boosted sentiment. The Dow Jones industrial average was 23.19 ahead, at 3,538.63. The June consumer price index had been unchanged, whereas economists had forecast a 0.1 per cent rise.

☐ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares ended slightly easier on profit-taking, but bargain-hunting in late trade pushed prices off lows. The Nikkei index lost 41.31, or 0.2per cent, to 20,139.11. Although the absence of institutional investors limited scope for prices to rise, expectations of credit-easing underpinned the market, brokers said.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 4.39 up, at 1,811.55, below a day's high reached on the back of foreign buying interest in key blue chips. Dealers said that most domestic players had given up hope of a cut in leading interest rates today, but many foreign operators still clung to hope.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed up 0.4, at 1,804.5, with the focus on strength in National Australia Bank. Heavy trade in Woolworths continued to generate optimism, but some profit-taking on gold shares acted as a weight on the market, brokers said. (Reuter)

	Jul 14 midday	Jul 13 close
AMP Inc	61¼	62¾
AMR Corp	62¾	61¼
Abbott Labs	25¾	25¾
Aetna Life	56⅞	56⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	41¼	41¼
Albertson's	53	51¼
Alcan Alumnm	19⅝	19⅝
Alco Standard	42⅞	42⅞
Allied Signal	66¾	66⅝
Alum Co of Am	70¾	70⅝
Amax	24⅝	24
Amerada Hess	47⅜	47⅜
Amer Brands	34	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	54⅛	53⅝
Amer El Power	37⅛	37⅛
Amer Express	31¼	31⅛
Amer Genl Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Amer Home Pr	64⅝	64⅛
Amer Intl	135⅝	134⅞
Amer Stores	44	44
Amer T & T	62⅝	62
Ameritech	78⅝	77⅞
Amoco	54⅛	54¼
Anheuser-Busch	47⅞	48⅛
Apple Computer	36⅞	37⅛
Archer Daniels	23⅝	23¼
Arkla	9⅛	9⅛
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	30⅝	30⅛
Asarco	18⅜	18⅜
Ashland Oil	26⅝	26⅝
Atl Richfield	112⅝	112⅞
Auto Data Pro	48⅝	48⅛
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	58⅛	58⅞
Baker Hughes	26⅝	26⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅝
Banc One	55⅝	56⅛
BankAmerica	44⅝	44⅝
Bank of NY	58⅝	59⅝
Bankers Tr NY	75⅝	76
Barnett Banks	47	47⅝
Bausch & Lomb	48⅝	48⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅛	27⅛
Becton Dicknsn	39	38⅝
Bell Atlantic	57⅛	57⅛
BellSouth	53⅝	55⅝
Black & Decker	22⅝	22
Block (H&R)	35⅞	35⅝
Boeing	37⅝	37⅝
Boise Cascade	22⅝	22⅝
Borden Inc	18⅝	18⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	59⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	51¼	51¼
CBS	248	237⅞
CNA Financial	92	90⅞
CPC Intl	41¼	41½
CSX	68⅝	68⅝
Campbell Soup	39⅝	39⅝
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅝
Cpl Cities ABC	503⅝	502
Cpl Holdings	41¼	41
Carolina Pwr	32⅝	32⅝
Caterpillar	76⅛	76⅛
Central & SW	32⅝	33
Champion Intl	33	32⅝
Chase Manhat	32⅝	32⅛
Chemical Bk	39⅞	39⅝
Chevron Corp	85⅝	84⅛
Chrysler	47	46⅞
Chubb Corp	92	90⅞
Cigna Corp	58⅞	58⅛
Citicorp	31¼	31¼
Clorox	53⅝	53¼
Coastal Corp	27⅝	27
Coca Cola	44⅞	43⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅛	57⅛
Columbia Gas	24⅛	24
Commonw Ed	28⅝	28
Compaq Comp	47⅝	47⅛
Comp Ass Intl	28⅞	28⅝
Conagra	25⅝	25⅝
Cons Edison	36⅛	35⅝
Cons Nat Gas	50⅛	50⅝
Cons Rail	57⅞	57⅝
Cooper Inds	50⅝	50⅝
Corning Inc	32⅞	32⅝
Crown Cork	35⅝	35⅝
Dana Corp	53⅝	53
Dayton Hudson	68	68⅝
Deere	66	65⅝
Delta Air Lines	48⅛	47⅞
Deluxe Corp	37¼	38
Detroit Edison	35	34⅝
Digital Equip	39⅝	39⅞
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	36⅛
Disney (Walt)	38⅛	37⅝
Dominion Res	45⅛	45⅝
Donnelley (RR)	29⅝	28⅝
Dover Corp	46⅞	46
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	56⅞
Dow Jones	28⅛	28⅝
Dresser	25	24⅝
Duke Power	41¼	41¼
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅛	58⅛
Du Pont	48⅞	48⅞
Eastman Kodak	51⅝	51⅝
Eaton Corp	43⅛	43⅛

	Jul 14 midday	Jul 13 close
Emerson Elec	58⅝	58⅝
Engelhard Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Enron Corp	66⅞	67
Entergy Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Exxon	64⅛	64⅝
FMC Corp	47	47
FPL Group	38⅛	38⅛
Federal Express	52⅝	46⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	83⅞	83⅝
First Chicago	43⅞	42⅛
First Interstate	64⅝	64⅝
First Union Rty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅝	33⅝
Fluor Corp	42⅛	42⅝
Ford Motor	50⅝	50⅞
GTE Corp	36⅞	36⅝
Gannett	50⅞	50⅞
Gap Inc Del	28⅝	28⅝
Gen Dynamics	88⅝	88⅝
Gen Electric	98⅝	98
Gen Mills	66⅝	66⅝
Gen Motors	47⅛	46⅝
Gen Reinsurance	119⅞	118⅝
Gen Signal	66⅝	65⅝
Genuine Parts	35⅝	35⅞
Georgia Pac	60⅛	59⅝
Gillette	53⅝	53⅞
Glaxo ADR	16¼	16⅝
Goodrich (BF)	44⅝	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	40⅝	40⅝
Grace (W&R)	40⅝	40⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30⅞	30⅞
Great Wstn Fin	16⅝	16⅛
Halliburton	38⅞	38⅛
Harcourt General	38⅝	38⅝
Heinz (HJ)	36⅛	36⅛
Hercules	78⅝	77⅝
Hershey Foods	45⅝	46⅛
Hewlett Packard	78⅛	78⅝
Hilton Hotels	45	44⅝
Home Depot	44⅞	44⅞
Homestake Mng	19⅝	19⅝
Honeywell	39⅞	38
Household Intl	75¼	75
Houston Inds	45⅛	44⅛
Humana	13⅝	12⅝
ITT Corp	86⅛	85⅞
Illinois Tool	36⅝	36⅛
INCO	21¼	22⅝
Ingersoll Rand	31¼	32⅝
Inland Steel	28⅛	28
Intel Corp	54⅞	54¼
IBM	47⅞	47⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅝	114⅛
Intl Paper	63⅞	63⅝
James River Va	19⅝	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅞
K Mart	20⅝	20⅛
Kellogg	52⅞	52⅝
Kerr-McGee	50⅝	50⅛
Kimberly-Clark	47⅛	47
Knight-Ridder	52⅝	53⅝
Lilly (Eli)	48	48
Limited Inc	20⅞	20⅝
LIN Brdcstng	102⅞	103⅞
Lincoln Nat	39⅝	39⅝
Litton	64¼	64½
Liz Claiborne	30⅞	30⅞
Lockheed Corp	65⅝	65⅞
Louisiana Pac	33⅝	32⅝
MCI Commun	28⅝	27⅞
Marriott	27⅛	27
Marsh & McLnn	85⅝	86⅛
Masco Corp	27⅛	26⅛
May Dept St	39⅞	39⅞
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	48⅝	47⅞
McDonalds	48⅞	48⅝
McDonnell D	70⅝	70⅝
McGraw Hill	60⅞	59⅝
Mead Corp	42⅝	42⅛
Medtronic	66	65⅝
Mellon Bk	56	56
Melville Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Merck Inc	34⅝	34⅛
Merrill Lynch	82⅝	84⅝
Minnesota Mine	107⅞	106⅝
Mobil Corp	71¼	71¼
Monsanto	58⅝	58⅝
Morgan (JP)	70⅝	71¼
Motorola Inc	89⅞	89⅞
Natl Medical	11¼	11¼
Natl Semi	16⅛	16⅝
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Intl	27⅞	27⅛
NBD Bancorp	33	33⅝
NY Times A	24⅛	24⅞
Newmont Mng	54¼	54⅛
Niag Mohawk	24⅝	24⅞
Nike B	56⅝	55¼
NL Industries	5⅛	5
Nordstrom	28	27⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅛	63
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅞
Norwest Corp	22	26⅛
Nynex Corp	90⅛	98⅝
Occidental Pet	20⅛	20⅝
Ohio Edison	24⅛	24⅛
Oracle Systems	50⅞	50⅞

	Jul 14 midday	Jul 13 close
Oryx Energy Co	20	19⅞
Owens Corning	42⅝	41¼
PNC Financial	30⅝	31¼
PPG Industries	66⅛	66⅛
Paccar Inc	60	59⅝
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	24⅛	24⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅛	34⅝
Pac Telesis	48⅞	48⅞
Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Panhandle East	24⅛	24½
Paramnt Comm	54⅝	55
Parker Hannifin	30⅛	30⅛
Penney (JC)	45⅝	44⅞
Pennzoil	62	61¼
Pepsico	35⅝	34⅞
Pfizer	65⅝	65⅞
Phelps Dodge	45½	45⅝
Philadel Elec	30⅝	30⅞
Philip Morris	49⅛	49⅝
Phillips Pet	29⅛	29⅛
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	36⅛	36⅛
Price Co	34⅛	34
Primerica	51¼	52⅞
Procter & Gmbl	52½	51¼
Pub Serv E & G	34⅛	34⅛
Quaker Oats	73⅞	73⅝
Ralston Purina	46½	46½
Raychem Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Raytheon	60⅛	60⅝
Reebok Intl	27⅝	27⅛
Reynolds Metals	49⅞	48⅝
Roadway Srvcs	57	57
Rockwell Intl	31¼	31¼
Rohm & Haas	53⅛	53⅝
Royal Dutch	91	91
Rubbermaid	29⅞	28
Safeco Corp	59⅞	59⅛
St Paul's Cos	84⅝	84¼
Salomon Inc	39⅝	39
Santa Fe S Pac	17⅛	17⅛
Sara Lee Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Secorp	23⅝	23⅝
Schering Plough	68⅝	68⅞
Schlumberger	64¼	64¼
Scott Paper	32⅝	32⅝
Seagram	26⅛	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	43⅝	57⅛
Shell Trans	55⅝	55⅝
Sherwin Wlms	31¼	30⅝
Skyline Corp	17⅛	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	39⅛	38⅛
Southern Co	42⅝	41¼
Sthwestern Bell	39⅞	39⅞
Sprint Corp	34	33⅝
Stanley Works	41	41
Sun Company	25	24⅝
Suntrust	46⅝	46⅞
Supervalu	36	35⅞
Syntex Corp	19⅝	18⅝
Sysco Corp	25⅛	25⅞
TRW Inc	62⅝	61¼
Tandem Comp	10⅛	10⅛
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	22⅞	22
Temple Inland	44⅝	44½
Tenneco	51¼	51¼
Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Texas Inst	73⅝	73⅝
Texas Utilities	47⅛	47⅝
Textron	51¼	52
Time Warner	38⅝	37⅛
Times-Mirror	30⅞	30⅞
Timken	32⅞	32⅝
Torchmark	54⅝	54⅝
Toys R Us	35⅝	35
Transamerica	53⅞	54
Travelers Corp	31	30⅝
Tribune	49⅛	49⅛
Tyco Labs	40⅛	40⅛
UAL Corp	127⅛	126⅛
UST Inc	29⅛	29⅞
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	99⅛	100⅛
Union Camp	43	43⅞
Union Carbide	19	18½
Union Pacific	59⅝	59⅞
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11⅝
USAIR Group	15⅛	14⅝
USF&G Corp	19⅛	19⅛
US Life	41¼	40⅝
US West	46½	46⅛
United Tech	55⅞	55⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅝	27⅛
Upjohn	29	28⅝
VF Corp	46½	48⅛
WMX Tech	31¼	31½
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅞	26⅝
Warner-Lambert	69	68⅞
Wells Fargo	110	110⅞
Westinghouse El	16⅝	16⅛
Weyerhaeuser	42⅞	42
Whirlpool	57½	56⅝
Whitman	13⅝	13⅝
Winn Dixie	58⅛	57½
Woolworth	26⅛	26⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32⅛	32⅞
Xerox	76⅛	75⅞

LA Gear runs too slowly in first half

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

LA Gear, the third-largest maker in the United States of sneakers, which supplies three million pairs of shoes every week to the high street retailers of Britain, produced worse than expected losses for the opening half of its financial year.

Pentland Industries, based in Britain, spent $14 million when it bought a 6 per cent stake 14 months ago and is thought to be facing a paper loss of almost $1 million on the transaction.

LA Gear, based in Los Angeles, has been hit by the shift away from athletic shoes as leisure and fashion wear, despite the signing of the then chart-topping pop singer Paula Abdul to endorse its products about this time last year.

LA Gear's plunge into the red has slowed in the second quarter of the year, which ended on May 31, from $26.3 million to $15 million, but analysts on Wall Street had been expecting a better performance and dealers cut the shares a fraction to $10.25. The price has moved between $8.125 and $13.375 for the past 12 months.

For the half year, losses came down from $34.57 million to $28.6 million, on sales which fell from $214 million to $160 million. There is no dividend payment.

Stanley Gold, chairman and chief executive, said: "Recently, industry media sources have indicated that the footwear industry has experienced a shift away from more expensive athletic performance footwear to more moderately priced fashion athletic and casual, lifestyle shoes.

"LA Gear had recognised this trend and shifted its product focus to offer approximately 90 per cent of its current in-line styles at suggested retail prices below $65," he said.

Mr Gold said the response to its back-to-school selling season in the current quarter would be critical to overall results.

Confidence increases in Scotland

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND'S industrialists are more confident about the outlook for the manufacturing north of the border than they have been for more than two years.

The Fraser of Allander Institute survey into the second quarter of 1993 shows that business confidence rose in all sectors, with demand rising significantly in manufacturing and retail. Demand in the construction industry continued to fall. Manufacturing exports also continued to rise although at a slower rate.

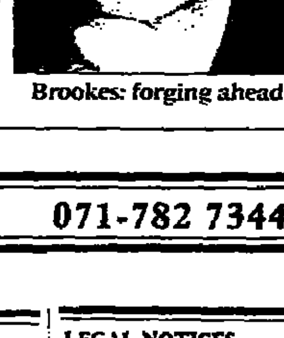
Personal loans rose in the second quarter, with 50 per cent of the 1,163 firms surveyed reporting increased personal advances. More than 20 per cent reported a rise in levels of corporate loans. Manufacturing, distribution and tourism have increased their levels of investment, but investment plans were cut back in the construction and oil industries.

Scantronic sounds an upbeat note

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

CHRIS Brookes, chief executive of Scantronic Holdings, the alarms and signalling equipment group, unveiled a 21.8 per cent advance in full-year profits and sounded an upbeat note on prospects after a strong start to the current year.

Improved margins and a strong European performance helped pre-tax profits climb to £3.09 million in the year to end-March, against £2.54 million last time. Sales, boosted by the launch of new products, were ahead 8.4 per cent to £39.1 million.



Brookes: forging ahead

Mr Brookes said the current year has started well, with the UK "forging ahead" and the group experiencing a strong first quarter in all geographic areas. "We saw an upturn in business in the last few months of the last financial year and that has continued this year: Sales are up across the board," Mr Brookes said.

American losses were trimmed to £153,000 (£591,000 loss), and the company expects the US operations to break even in the current year. Taxable profits were held back by an exceptional charge of £444,000. Below the line, there was an extraordinary charge of £1.5 million.

Earnings rise to 4.05p (2.18p) a share. The total dividend is raised to 3.121p (2.975p) for the year, with an improved final payout of 2.331p (2.185p).

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Standard Chart	827p (+23p)
HP Bulmer	419p (+13p)
Liberty Life	967p (+17p)
ERF	260p (−10p)

FALLS:

Pearson	442p (-18p)
Unilever	953p (-24p)
Reed Int	653p (-12p)
Guinness	454p (-13p)
Mansfield	777p (-16p)
Brit Data Mngmt	254p (-11p)
Manpower	949p (-47p)
Takeda Chem	803p (-11p)

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AG Holdings (125)	126	...
Anagen (100)	90	...
Baring Chrysalis C (339)	356	...
Baring Emrg Mkts ($10)	679	...
Business Post (120)	134	−1
Carpetright (148)	166	...
Celsis International (100)	103	...
Court Cavendish (225)	198	−9
Crabtree (150)	233	...
Creston Warrants	7½	...
Devro International (170)	192	...
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Dated this 29th day of June 1993
A D Kenningham and J C Heath Joint Liquidators

In the Estate of JAMES MAJOR THOMPSON deceased
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Dated this 12th day of July 1993
N J Hamilton Smith, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co, 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 2JT was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 6th July 1993.
Dated this 12th day of July 1993
J C Shuttleworth, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
G COLLINS (BUILDERS) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company is to be held on 5 August 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that F W Sheppard FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
Dated this 7th day of July 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Eugen M Browne, Director

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The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derringer of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 7th July 1993.
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M R Derringer, Liquidator

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Frankly, M. Balladur, it's about time to devalue

Anatole Kaletsky puts pen to paper and offers the French prime minister a word to the wise about speeding recovery in Europe

Facing a dilemma: Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister

Dear M. Balladur,

Two months ago I devoted this column to an open letter to George Soros, the well known international investor, in which I urged him to "attack" the French franc for the sake of European democracy, as well as the economic wellbeing of France. Mr Soros was kind enough to reply two weeks later, explaining why he thought that the German mark, rather than the franc, should be sold in the months ahead. The financial markets were more impressed by Mr Soros's arguments than mine, and the mark weakened sharply in the ensuing days.

A few weeks later, Edmond Alphandéry, your economic minister, appeared to be so impressed by the Soros argument that the franc had become the "anchor currency" of Europe that he summoned Theo Waigel and Helmut Schlesinger, the German finance minister and central bank governor, to Paris to agree on co-ordinated rate cuts. After that invitation was sharply rejected by Herr Waigel, I was told by official sources that this public altercation was only the "tip of an iceberg" of private recriminations between Germany and France — and that France might be ready to leave the European exchange-rate mechanism in the next two months, if the Bundesbank refused to follow its call for sharply lower interest rates.

This story also attracted some international attention. Your own government officials referred to it a day later, albeit in less than flattering terms. They described it as "absurd, nonsensical and completely incredible". Nevertheless, the scepticism about French policy described in that story is now widely shared by businessmen and investors, vying day by day in the financial markets with Mr Soros's confidence in the franc.

Since I am repeating a number of the same points in today's paper, it seemed appropriate to explain why I continue to attach credibility to the views of my official sources — and why I personally believe you will devalue the franc.

A change in the franc-mark parity would be in the interests of Europe, France, and your government. Because the convergence of these interests is becoming clearer, while the countervailing arguments for defending the present parity are weak, I believe that the markets will force you to realign.

The interests of the French nation and of your government can be summarised in a phrase: look at Britain. Because of low interest rates and a competitive currency, Britain is now enjoying rapid economic growth combined with extremely low inflation. Admittedly, France is now in a worse economic position than Britain was last September — your unemployment is higher, your labour markets are extremely rigid, your productivity growth is low, your property market is still falling, and your exports are concentrated in subsidised and protected sectors which could be hit by the Uruguay round. Nevertheless, with very low interest rates and a devaluation, France could break out of recession and enjoy long-term prospects almost as good as Britain's.

Politically, your vulnerability is clear. Although you have only just won a parliamentary election, the campaign for the presidency will begin next January. At present your personal popularity is at record highs, but this is hardly welcome to Jacques Chirac and the nationalist Gaullists on whose support you depend. In any case, you must realise that your personal popularity reflects the apparent improvement in economic conditions since you were elected. If you think that your popularity would withstand a monetary crisis, just look at John Major. In contrast to Mr Major, however, you are a skilled economist (as finance minister from 1986 to 1988 you presided over the last successful ERM realignment, which paved the way for five years of monetary stability in Europe. I believe, therefore, that you will not imitate Mr Major and allow your policies to be swept away by events. Rather you will pre-empt market forces, by arranging an orderly realignment of the ERM.

This raises my reason for expecting a realignment. It is generally assumed that the options faced by France are stark and simple — to stick to the present ERM parity at all costs or to undermine "European construction" by destroying the ERM. This was the view expressed yesterday by President Mitterrand in his Bastille Day message, when he said: "Within the western world and particularly Europe and the Community, I believe the franc-mark parity is a necessity above all others." This statement, reminiscent of the hyperbole used by Mr Major shortly before White Wednesday, is absurd.

Not only is it absurd because France and the western world faces far more important challenges than "the construction of Europe", but for two more specific reasons: the future of Europe does not depend on monetary union: and even if it did, progress towards monetary union does not depend on any particular exchange rate.

I believe in constructing a peaceful, co-operative Europe. But to try to create a European federation by starting with a monetary union is like building a house from the roof down. Instead of propping up the rickety monetary superstructure, you and others should be working on the political and democratic foundations of the new European Union.

But let us accept, for the sake of argument, your government's preoccupation with creating a monetary union. What has this to do with the magic formula DM=Fr3.4305? I accept that if France were to pull out of the ERM, this would probably mean the end of the whole system and therefore of the Maastricht timetable for monetary union. But this is not your only option.

Last summer, European financial officials considered the possibility of a general ERM realignment, involving a revaluation of the mark against the franc, pound and all other currencies, except for the Dutch guilder and perhaps the Belgian franc. It is widely believed, and on good authority, that the Bundesbank would have cut German interest rates sharply — perhaps by as much as 1½ or 2 percentage points — in recognition of the disinflationary effects on the German economy of such a general realignment. However, your predecessor, the late Pierre Bérégovoy, refused to discuss any change in the franc-mark parity and as a result Italy was forced to devalue unilaterally in exchange for a derisory quarter-point cut in German interest rates. It was the French rejection of a general realignment that led to all the subsequent upheavals.

Looking back over the past 12 months, do you really believe that France made the right decision last summer? Would "European construction" have been undermined or strengthened if, instead of White Wednesday and the subsequent crises, there had been an orderly revaluation of the mark, accompanied by a large cut in interest rates?

Today, the arguments for combining an orderly revaluation of the mark with a sharp cut in German interest rates are even stronger than they were a year ago. Such a *demarche* would allow France safely to cut its interest rates to the German level or even slightly lower — and more importantly prompt a much easier policy stance from the Bundesbank. It would allow the franc to be sharply devalued against the dollar (which has long been a French objective), while allowing the Bundesbank to keep a stable mark. It would remove all of the macroeconomic obstacles to a rapid economic recovery throughout Europe.

M. Balladur, that is the way to continue the construction of Europe — and the time to begin is now.

Yours sincerely, Anatole Kaletsky.

TEMPUS

Optional extra

FUND managers claim they can curb corporate excesses merely with a discreet word during the traditional consultation between companies and their biggest shareholders on matters delicate.

Yet it is apparent from yesterday's share scheme guidance document from the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds that it has become necessary to spell out in writing precisely what the big investing institutions want directors to do over share options.

Not only do options dilute institutional stakes in a particular pot of earnings, they have a surprising impact on boardroom pay. In 1991, a year of great pain across British industry, it might reasonably have been expected that chief executives shared some of the trauma. But while their salaries fell 7 per cent, their *total remuneration* actually rose 26 per cent, thanks to long-term benefits such as share options. Typically, the City could still not agree on what measure of success to target before executive options can be exercised. Some wanted share price, others earnings per share. The resulting traditional British compromise has thrown up an intriguing opportunity for canny shareholders. The institutions have placed the responsibility back onto the companies.

The Cadbury style remuneration committees will have to publish the tests they use in the proposals for the option schemes and in annual reports thereafter. It is a safe bet the targets set will be achievable, and investors will be able to see where a company thinks it might be three years down the road. Better than a published profit forecast.

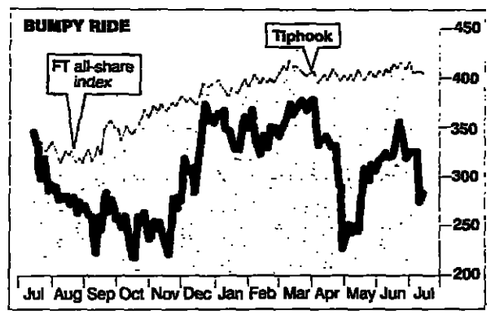
Tiphook

THE immediate suspicion, on viewing Tiphook's overhaul of its figures to take in most, but not all, US accounting principles, is to assume that Robert Montague is proposing to "do an Ashcroft" by picking up his bat and ball and taking the game to climates that are more amenable to the company's means of operation.

The London market has good reason to view Tiphook with mistrust, not least the company's apparent inability to keep even the most sensitive inside information to itself and the undershooting of profits expectations drawn up even after April's warning.

Mr Montague claims his company will continue to be British by virtue of a London headquarters even when all the numbers come out in dollars, but this seems a fine distinction given half the shares are already in American hands. The charges that absorbed last year's profits take in foreign exchange and interest rate hedges no longer appropriate now the group will report in dollars. Further one-offs will come once US conventions on tax and goodwill are taken on board and could arise from the forex markets.

Meanwhile the world economy will do little to boost Tiphook's container business, where utilisation rates fell by 6 percentage points last year. American investors may continue to nibble, but there will be few takers in London and the upside looks limited.



Unilever

MERE mention of the words "price war" is enough to strike fear into the heart of even the bravest investor as Unilever is rapidly discovering. The threat of such a battle with Procter & Gamble in the American detergents market has wiped 4 per cent off its share price in the past two days alone.

In cold mathematical terms this is an over-reaction. US detergents account for only 4 per cent of Unilever's total turnover, and an even lower proportion of operating profit. Any impact on profits would therefore be extremely limited.

What the market fears is the spread of P&G's aggressive new pricing strategy, which eschews promotions in favour of permanently lower prices, to other product areas and other geographical markets. P&G may find it difficult, however, to extend the policy outside of the US. Resistance from retailers, who benefit from manufacturer's promotional activity, was relatively easy to suppress in a fragmented market like the US. Getting the likes of Sainsbury to agree could prove more testing.

If the shares continue to fall, investors should see current weakness as a buying opportunity.

Bulmer

CIDER has increasingly been striving to shake off its perceived down-market image. H P Bulmer, the industry's leading player, has helped its case for social-climbing with a 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profit.

This impressive result, more reminiscent of the drinks industry in the go-go 1980s than the restrained 1990s, was helped by the cider market itself, which grew more than 10 per cent last year. Although growth is expected to be a more pedestrian 5 per cent this year, it still looks attractive compared to the 3 per cent decline forecast for the beer market.

With market volumes growing at such a rate, the main cider players, such as Bulmer, Taunton and Merrydown, have become the toast of the stock market. Their current popularity may prompt Gaymers, the product of an MBO, to come to the market sooner than planned.

Bulmer's success has also been driven by its own efforts, particularly in marketing, where its expertise has created strong brands, such as Strongbow and Woodpecker.

On a prospective p/e of around 15 times the shares still have further to go.

RPI

THE surprise further fall in headline and underlying RPI inflation may be worse news for equities than it was good news for gilts. For institutions still thinking of investing in BT3, it was a reminder that the most significant individual cuts are coming in utility prices — most notably BT's latest special offers in June — which are much more under the cosh now that inflation is low. Much of the rest of the fall came from early summer sale price weakness in the high street. All this non-consumer growth in production is splendid for sustaining and building decent economic recovery but less so for consumer-related FT-SE stocks.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Stepping into the spotlight

BOB Bauman has made no secret of his plans to take on a high-profile chairmanship after his imminent departure from SmithKline Beecham. So it was with some interest that guests at the annual cocktail party of Russell Reynolds, the headhunters, in St James' Square on Tuesday night observed him deep in conversation for some time with Sir Christopher Benson, who steps down next year as chairman of Boots. Sir James Blyth, the Boots chief executive, is understood to be interested in adding the chairmanship to his responsibilities, but Sir Christopher, I'm told, has more sympathy for the Cadbury recommendations that the two roles be separated.

Non-talking bank

TODAY in the elaborately marbled Broadgate headquarters of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, directors will get their first chance to pore over the audit committee report on the bank's highly criticised spending habits. Given past laxity of control over information under outgoing president Jacques Attali, it has been striking recently how little has been leaking. This might have something to do with the professional guidance provided by Financial Dynamics. The City PR firm has clearly impressed on the bank the need to keep sensitive information under strict KGB-like control — despite its remit to help the former Soviet bloc towards democracy and the free market. While this new policy has made life difficult for the press, it has probably made eastern Europeans wonder if this was what they tore down the Iron Curtain for.

Diplomatic move

FEW would dispute the value of a good diplomat in any boardroom. But when Sir Ewen Fergusson recently made an impassioned speech in French on the excellence of the Savoy hotels group, Giles Shepard was entranced. Yesterday, the Savoy managing director revealed that Sir Ewen, a former British ambassador to France and now chairman of Coutts Bank, is to be a non-executive director.

Kick start: German finance minister Theo Waigel plays in a friendly soccer match between his ministry and the Chamber of Commerce

Raining benefits

ONE company praying for rain today to commemorate St Swithin's Day is Performance Clothing. Its Hurricane range of golf clothing, made to withstand seven hours of the heaviest rain without making the wearer too hot, was launched a few months ago. Russell Donnelly, the managing director, says sales have risen by over 50 per cent since the launch. He adds that he hopes the old saw about rain on St Swithin's Day will mean 40 further days of rain — or 40 further chances to boost sales.

Plane speaking

AS SOON as British Airways' agm rolled to a close on Tuesday, Brian Basham, BA's aggrieved former PR adviser, dashed off for his customary lunch at the Savoy Grill. Basham, sacked by BA earlier this year, had put a busy morning behind him urging an independent enquiry into Virgin's "dirty tricks" allegations. Basham's campaign to clear himself of any wrong-doing has brought him into conflict with, among others, Sir Tim Bell, former PR adviser to both Lady Thatcher and Lord King of Wartnaby. So he was somewhat taken aback, on leaving his table, to be hailed by none other than Sir Tim. "I thought he might thump me," says Basham, even more surprised to find Lord King dining near by. "He asked me what I was trying to achieve," says Basham. "I said, well my Lord, I am trying to get Sir Colin Marshall sacked." The peer's response is unknown.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Prophet of doom is misreading the market

From Mr Simon D. Baggott

Sir, Anthony Harris (July 13) seems determined to be the man "who predicted the 1993 crash". In the meantime, the market will continue to be driven by the usual twin motives of fear and greed, which may of course result in Mr Harris being proved right. If so, then he will justifiably be able to claim "I told you so".

However, I venture to suggest that he will, in fact, be proved to be quite wrong. There are a number of reasons for holding this view.

First, there is no comparison between the raging bull market which existed in the summer of 1987 and the conditions which prevail now. In 1987, corporate profits had peaked and were about to start falling: and share values had risen more or less consistently over an unbroken period of about ten years. Now, profits are about to rise quite significantly, and shares have (until very recently) gone virtually nowhere for a period of five years.

Second. Coincidentally, at the peak of the market in 1987, the FT-SE 100 index and the Dow Jones index were within about 200 points of each other: and those two indices again fell to broadly comparable numerical levels in the October crash.

However, an interesting phenomenon emerged in the period 1988 to 1992, in which the FT-SE 100 index ignored the Dow Jones if the American index rose, but fell if the Dow Jones fell. By August 1992, this syndrome had led to a gap of almost a 1,000 points between the two indices; and even now the gap remains at rather more than 500 points.

Finally, and much more importantly, many shares are still trading at prices very near those which they traded at immediately after the October 1987 crash. Accordingly, an index of just the biggest 100 shares for the time being is inevitably misleading in any event.

The point here is that the present situation is much more akin to November 1987 than to July 1987 if one looks at the mass of shares which comprise the market rather than just the top 100.

All things considered, therefore, I respectfully remain of the opinion that there is unlikely to be a severe and protracted decline in UK share values from their present levels.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON D. BAGGOTT,
Tofield Swann & Smythe,
Solicitors,
14 Figtree Lane,
Sheffield.

Hardship and Lloyd's

From Mr Andrew Grossman

Sir, Lloyd's is reported to have said that, in "acknowledging his debt to Lloyd's" as required by the Members Hardship Committee, a name does not forfeit his right to sue his agents (although it is likely that any proceeds of such a suit would revert to Lloyd's central fund). But the name would, in acknowledging his debt, forfeit any rights he may have against Lloyd's. This includes his rights under the scenario suggested by John Franks in the *Solicitors Journal* (May 21): that the courts, finding Lloyd's to have "dirty hands" in its failure to regulate the market, might leave the parties where it finds them — deposits forfeited; cash calls unpaid.

Dealing with the MHC requires the name to forfeit certain other rights, which he may or may not have in bankruptcy: Lloyd's reportedly will seek to reverse lifetime intra-family gifts, even those which may have proceeded a name's underwriting. Only property "which has always belonged to a spouse" is free from challenge — and even that will be taken into consideration by the MHC in determining need.

Finally, the most important difference between the two sources of relief is that bankruptcy allows a name to have hope for the future: the MHC would make him into an indentured servant.

Sincerely,
ANDREW GROSSMAN,
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1255 Veyrier, Switzerland.

From Mr P. C. Matson

Sir, Your article (July 8) regarding the worst hit Lloyd's names in respect of the 1990 underwriting year was inaccurate with regard to the salary paid to Brian Smith, the underwriter of Syndicate 45.

The figure of £307,000 was the total remuneration paid to Mr Smith during 1992, his salary being £139,375 which, considering the consistently good performance of his syndicate over the last 20 years, looks remarkably good value for money for his names. The balance of his remuneration, in the main, is a profit-related payment. He might well be tempted to reduce this figure in the future by not making as large a profit as he has done in the past. As a member of his syndicate, I hope he resists the temptation.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. MATSON,
The Cotswolds,
20 Kingswood Way, Selsdon,
South Croydon, Surrey.

How outplacement consultancies can help firms to soften the hardest blow

From Mr C. J. F. Trott

Sir, In his otherwise excellent article "Right way to soften the hardest blow" (Appointments, July 8), Ronnie Fox did not mention one important way of softening the blow of redundancy — by outplacement.

From this year's Budget payments for this service by companies are tax-free for the individuals receiving it. The companies themselves get a tax reduction for providing it.

So what's the benefit? An outplacement consultancy can ease the process in advising how to handle the termination meeting, help the individual concerned come to terms with what has happened and then develop positive future plans.

The individual will think the better of the company and the morale of former colleagues will be preserved — they may well need help later on!

Yours faithfully,
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German Growth	61.18	65.09	-0.75	0.70
Global Growth	109.30	116.60	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	201.50	215.70	+0.40	...
Japan Sunrise	175.90	187.90	+1.00	...
Portfolio	119.90	128.20	-0.50	3.30
-do- Acc	213.70	228.50	-0.90	3.20
UK Growth	83.35	88.66†	-0.17	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.79	92.82	-0.33	1.90
Select Managers	63.90	68.30	-0.18	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	104.87	112.16	+0.02	1.87
-do- Inc	95.34	101.97	+0.02	1.87
Global Bond	29.62	31.42†	-0.04	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.37	58.15	+0.02	3.50
-do- Inc	39.04	41.75†	+0.01	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	93.97	102.50	-0.11	1.35
-do- Inc	86.37	92.37	-0.10	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	59.79	63.95	-0.65	...
-do- Inc	58.68	62.76	-0.64	...
Euro Gth Acc	104.40	111.66	+0.12	1.07
-do- Inc	102.97	110.13	+0.12	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.88	38.38	-0.05	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.38	109.50	-0.27	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	91.37	97.72	+0.41	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	129.90	138.70	+1.00	3.03
Smaller Cos Acc	308.00	329.50	+0.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	179.10	191.70	-0.50	1.13
High Inc	71.78	77.16†	+0.17	6.79
Income	129.70	138.80	-0.20	3.96
Mngd P folio Inc	95.29	101.50	...	1.96
-do- Acc	180.10	191.80	...	...
North American	105.90	112.80	-0.60	0.19
Orient	134.00	144.10	...	...
Recovery	42.01	45.18†	-0.10	2.48
German	41.66	44.67	-0.49	0.09
Intl Growth	34.53	36.77	...	0.21
European Inc	21.84	23.52	-0.18	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4942 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.98	64.88	-0.25	1.81
-do- Acc	68.75	73.14	-0.29	1.81
Income Fund S	212.90	226.50	-0.30	4.22
-do- Acc	495.20	526.90	-0.70	4.22
Inv Portfolio	67.10	69.54	...	2.16
-do- Acc	75.78	78.53	+0.01	2.16
Smaller Cos	129.50	137.80†	...	1.51
-do- Acc	156.60	166.70†	-0.10	1.51
High Inc P folio	60.53	62.73	-0.11	4.63
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.98	67.89	-0.06	5.72
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.60	142.20†	-0.50	1.82
UK Growth	146.00	155.40	-0.10	2.23
UK Income	124.00	132.00	...	4.19
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	85.57	91.74	-1.23	0.99
Growth	43.24	46.25	-0.01	2.89
Income	53.60	57.33	+0.01	4.19
Far East	49.00	52.41	+0.10	...
North American	89.07	95.78	-0.22	...
Global	86.84	92.88	+0.08	0.85
European	71.48	76.37	-0.47	1.00
Japan	114.60	122.60	+1.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.79	63.38	-0.11	5.06
UK Cap Gwth	79.12	84.63	-0.96	1.99
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.10	139.50	-0.30	0.30
-do- Acc	139.40	148.30	-0.40	0.30
European	66.97	70.84	-0.13	0.83
-do- Acc	69.31	73.43	-0.13	0.83
Far East Gen	66.62	70.88	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	66.62	70.88	-0.23	...
Glenfriars	256.10	272.50	-1.90	0.70
-do- Acc	288.30	306.80	-2.10	0.70
Growth	380.60	407.10	-0.80	2.26
-do- Acc	651.50	696.80	-1.30	2.26
Income Growth	376.20	400.30	+0.30	3.77
-do- Acc	500.10	532.10	+0.20	3.77
Master Portfolio	9637.0	10000.0†	-28.00	2.18
-do- Acc	11327.0	11649.0	-32.00	2.18
Special Sits	86.91	92.46†	+0.87	2.18
-do- Acc	102.74	109.30	+1.03	2.18
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1203.0	1241.0	+3.00	4.34
-do- Acc	1421.0	1465.0	+2.00	4.34
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.30	206.00	-1.20	1.60
Capital	528.40	563.90	-2.30	2.41
Eurotrack 100	132.00	140.50	-0.70	1.47
Euro Gth	82.40	87.84	-0.16	1.28
Far East Growth	93.89	100.20	-0.40	0.07
Global Bond	23.58	24.85†	-0.13	6.63
Hong Kong	82.24	87.77	-0.12	0.78
Income	502.60	536.40	-0.60	3.93
Intl Growth	74.57	79.58†	-0.33	0.98
Japan Growth	278.80	297.50	-2.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.64	38.04	+0.05	...
Japan Index	82.07	87.59	-0.13	0.22
Nth American	438.70	468.20	-2.10	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	54.55	58.22	+0.74	...
The Footsie Fd	104.80	110.70†	-0.30	2.77
Tiger Index	143.80	153.30	-0.80	0.61
Trade Index	106.00	113.10	-0.10	2.54
UK Index	121.00	129.10†	-0.40	3.10
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.01	90.84†	-0.48	1.00
European P folio	72.54	77.32	-0.72	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.57	70.72	-0.21	...
Pacific P folio	104.13	111.97†	-0.43	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.17	76.12†	-0.11	3.00
UK Income Gth	64.08	68.77	-0.13	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.82	51.52	-0.22	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	610.20	615.15	...	4.84
Fixed Int	156.95	157.70	...	9.19
Deposit	5.70	..	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	601.99	607.12	...	4.92
-do- Acc	2368.9	2376.6	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.44	127.45	...	9.10
-do- Acc	172.60	172.95	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.90	66.21	...	3.28
Beckman Intl	83.40	88.03	...	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	176.02	189.27	...	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	246.48	265.03†	...	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 686 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.67	39.01	-0.04	1.62
-do- Acc	41.31	43.95	-0.05	1.62
Quilter	121.49	129.24	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	134.93	143.54	-0.10	2.64
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.59	92.59	+0.01	5.15
-do- Acc	92.59	92.59	+0.01	5.15
Fixed Conv	41.34	43.98	-0.05	6.31
-do- Acc	109.19	116.16	-0.14	6.31
Equity Income	143.70	152.87	-0.21	3.65
-do- Acc	461.26	490.70	-0.67	3.65
PPT Europe	152.33	162.05	-0.19	0.92
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.10	51.17	+0.10	7.47
PPT Global Bond	86.06	91.46	-0.25	5.34
PPT Gold Com	64.41	68.52	-0.52	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.95	59.52	-0.11	0.38
PPT Far East Gth	107.76	114.64	+0.04	0.07
PPT High Yield	116.19	123.61	+0.18	4.38
-do- Acc	447.01	475.54	+0.71	4.38
PPT Managed	61.55	65.48	-0.06	3.41
-do- Acc	75.18	79.98	-0.07	3.41
PPT UK General	67.32	71.62	-0.05	2.59
-do- Acc	81.71	86.93	-0.06	2.59
PPT Japan	121.40	129.15	+0.48	...
PPT N Amer	147.38	156.79	-0.90	0.08
PPT UK Gth	115.30	122.66	-0.13	2.04
PPT Wwide Gwth	57.84	61.86	+0.02	0.19
-do- Acc	60.25	64.44	+0.02	0.19
PPT Preference	48.18	51.26	+0.04	6.70
-do- Acc	251.58	267.64	+0.20	6.70
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	82.44	87.70	-0.74	0.90
Japanese Acc	64.50	68.62	-0.31	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.30	133.30†	...	2.52
-do- Acc	147.90	157.30†	...	2.52
UK Growth Acc	204.90	218.00	-0.10	2.21
UK High Inc	132.50	141.00	...	6.47
-do- Acc	160.50	170.70	...	6.48
N America Acc	114.10	121.40†	-0.80	0.32
European Acc	158.30	168.40	-1.10	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.46	64.14†	-0.07	8.81
-do- Acc	99.51	105.60†	-0.10	8.81
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.86	51.98	-0.20	.32
Environmntl Opp	70.90	75.43	-0.19	1.74
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.00	120.00	-0.90	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	203.40	216.10	-0.10	1.16
Eurofund	37.44	39.62	-0.25	1.01
Mngd Exempt	166.00	173.00	+2.40	3.03
Growth Inc	213.60	227.00	...	3.30
High Dist	141.80	150.70	-0.10	4.98
International	322.00	342.10†	-1.00	0.95
Intl Income	80.45	85.88†	-0.36	3.03
Pacific	58.55	62.21	-0.38	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	74.63	79.39	-0.24	...
Tokyo	208.80	221.90	-0.90	...
Japan Exempt	119.50	122.70	+2.70	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	589.30	601.30	+3.00	0.09
Equity Income	120.30	127.80†	-0.10	3.91
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	140.20	148.30	-0.70	0.54
Financial	42.00	44.61	-0.02	2.66
Global Opps Inc	89.33	94.91	-0.36	2.11
-do- Acc	92.59	98.38	-0.37	2.11
Gold Gen Inc	53.39	56.73	-0.88	0.75
-do- Acc	102.50	108.90	-1.70	0.75
Japan General	162.40	172.60	-0.40	...
Preference	21.92	23.29†	+0.02	7.81
UK Capital	104.00	110.50	-0.10	3.05
Worldwide Cap	197.00	209.30†	-0.90	3.06
World Income	84.50	89.76†	-0.42	3.30
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	175.40	186.50	...	0.91
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.20	109.68	-0.34	3.21
High Income	120.97	127.34	-0.18	4.66
Tst of Inv Tsts	150.65	158.58	+0.09	2.02
Special Sits	85.71	90.22	-0.18	2.36
North American	104.15	109.63	-0.36	0.86
Far Eastern	245.42	258.34†	-1.11	1.70
Intl Growth	98.00	103.16	-0.60	1.21
European	63.75	67.10†	-0.34	2.07
Smaller Cos	68.68	72.29†	-0.14	2.03
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton. BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	224.90	239.20	+2.30	3.71
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	124.00	131.90	-0.60	...
High Income	25.99	27.35†	+0.04	5.39
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	94.02	99.56†	-0.36	0.81
Far Eastern	138.50	148.30	+0.30	...
Oseas Income	89.53	95.75	-0.16	3.06
UK Growth	93.14	99.62†	-0.07	0.77
UK Income	100.40	107.40	-0.30	3.18
US Smaller Cos	258.10	276.00	+1.00	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.90	52.01	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	48.90	52.01	+0.10	...
Am Smllr Co	439.30	468.70	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	447.80	478.80	-0.40	...
Capital	289.60	308.00	-0.20	2.00
-do- Acc	403.40	429.10	-0.20	2.00
Cond Smllr Cos	46.39	49.87†	-0.30	0.48
-do- Acc	48.50	52.13†	-0.31	0.48
Convertible	115.20	122.50	...	5.79
-do- Acc	218.70	232.60	...	5.79
Emg Mark	53.92	57.60	-0.36	...
-do- Acc	53.92	57.60	-0.36	...
European	94.52	100.80†	-0.70	0.92
-do- Acc	98.53	105.10†	-0.80	0.92
Extra Income	297.40	316.30	-0.10	4.01
-do- Acc	416.40	442.90	-0.10	4.01
Financial	108.20	115.90	-0.50	0.52
-do- Acc	113.30	121.30	-0.60	0.52
Gilt Gth Tst	63.82	65.81	-0.47	6.51
-do- Acc	82.46	85.03	+0.61	6.51
Health Fund Inc	122.00	130.30	...	...
-do- Acc	122.00	130.30	...	...
Income Tst	179.50	192.90†	...	3.81
-do- Acc	254.40	270.60†	+0.10	3.81
Intl Growth	323.40	345.60	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	359.10	383.80	-0.30	...
Japan Gen	184.20	196.90	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	186.10	198.90	-0.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.37	96.17	-0.10	0.86
-do- Acc	96.05	101.10	-0.10	0.86
Monthly Income	154.40	164.20	+0.10	3.88
Qrtly Inc	50.18	53.37	+0.10	5.73
-do- Acc	50.30	53.50	+0.10	5.73
Recovery	300.20	321.00	-0.50	0.52
-do- Acc	351.60	375.90	-0.70	0.52
UK Growth	46.39	49.59	-0.08	2.63
-do- Acc	46.39	49.59	-0.08	2.63
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	345.37	367.42	+0.84	2.65
-do- Acc	705.28	750.27	+1.71	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	108.15	115.05	-0.67	0.79
-do- Acc	111.38	118.49	-0.68	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	133.00	140.68†	-0.08	6.19
-do- Acc	224.92	237.91†	-0.12	6.19
Intl Gth Dist	78.30	83.30†	-0.44	0.71
-do- Acc	81.28	86.47†	-0.45	0.71
Nth Amer Dist	169.93	180.01†	-1.53	0.91
-do- Acc	185.03	196.01†	-1.67	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	251.45	267.50†	-0.97	0.10
-do- Acc	256.07	272.42†	-0.98	0.10
Stewardship Dist	301.50	320.74	-0.24	1.74
-do- Acc	359.50	382.45	-0.28	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.41	68.52	-0.05	3.14
-do- Acc	79.67	84.76	-0.08	3.14
N Am Stwd Dist	99.44	105.79†	-0.47	...
-do- Acc	105.20	111.91†	-0.49	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.30	150.10	+0.20	...
European	412.30	438.00	-0.90	0.97
Far East General	228.20	243.60	-0.40	0.30
Germany	100.80	106.80	+0.40	0.43
Global Assets In	69.76	74.49	-0.17	2.16
Global Assets Ac	73.76	78.77	-0.18	2.11
Income Inc	125.00	133.70	...	6.58
International	283.10	302.60	+2.00	0.92
Intl Income	77.49	82.46†	-0.22	4.83
Japan General	380.20	404.20	-1.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.59	48.76†	-0.11	0.67
UK Capital Inc	167.80	179.50	-0.40	4.01
-do- Acc	287.10	307.10	-0.60	3.65
Uk Spec Sits	77.86	83.28	+0.07	1.52
US General	120.40	128.20	+0.10	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	119.20	127.40†	-0.80	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.34	47.42	-0.22	1.43
Cash Trust*	129.39	129.39†	+0.01	5.26
Pract Inv Inc	104.73	112.31	+0.07	4.09
-do- Acc	224.83	241.10	+0.17	4.09
UK Smaller Cos	105.47	113.10	+1.08	0.81
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.50	28.34	+1.06	8.19
High Inc	32.24	34.48	-0.03	4.76
UK Equity Inc	128.44	137.37	+0.11	3.95
Global Bond	30.03	31.12†	-0.09	5.75
International Funds				
Gold Intl	95.53	102.45†	+1.62	0.65
Frontier Markets	44.50	47.72	+0.76	0.44
Global Inc Gth	120.11	128.12	-0.23	1.92
UK Intl	116.05	124.12	-0.43	0.19
Overseas Funds				
American	129.79	138.54†	-0.61	0.45
European	82.81	87.85	-0.16	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	98.39	104.97	-0.20	0.70
American Emerg	82.56	88.54	-0.45	...
Hong Kong	112.46	120.60	-0.55	2.06
Japan	236.21	250.94†	+1.43	...
Pacific Growth	157.97	169.40†	-0.92	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	128.14	137.04	-0.94	0.37
American Gth	131.03	140.14	-0.18	...
European Gth	66.86	71.32	-0.51	0.42
Japan Gth	80.66	86.27	-0.64	...
Greater China	142.82	152.75†	-1.11	2.85
Pacific Strategy	126.69	135.50	-0.47	0.25
UK Prog Inc	73.87	77.78†	-0.48	4.61
British Growth	47.89	50.60	+0.11	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.57	47.67	-0.21	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.70	131.70	...	5.41
Gilt Fixed	124.20	131.80	-0.30	5.88
Growth Equity	286.40	308.90	+0.40	2.06
Guardhill	426.70	453.80	+0.40	2.16
Income Trust	109.60	117.00†	-0.10	3.80
International	158.90	169.70	-1.00	0.17
Japan Trust	127.50	136.20	-1.20	...
Nth American	257.40	275.00	-1.30	0.40
Pacific	373.70	399.20	-4.00	...
European	344.10	367.60†	-0.30	0.63
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838888				
Global Adv Inc	35.23	37.35	...	1.59
-do- Acc	36.88	39.10	...	1.59
Inc Adv Inc	29.39	31.13†	...	3.93
-do- Acc	30.81	32.66	...	3.93
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	81.69	87.51	-0.90	1.29
Equity Income	112.10	119.30	+0.30	3.46
European	134.30	142.20	-0.30	1.26
Intl Situation	76.38	81.28†	-0.19	...
Japanese	144.00	152.80	-0.80	...
North American	99.85	105.70	-0.50	0.05
Scandinavian	115.20	121.70	-0.70	...
Smaller Cos	30.24	32.17†	-0.02	1.93
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	90.13	96.34	+0.54	...
Asian Enterprise	128.40	137.30†	+0.05	0.75
Australian	145.70	155.75	+0.50	1.17
European	373.12	398.34	-1.39	1.28
European Inc	71.80	75.93	-0.11	2.69
Euro Smal Co	118.00	125.40	-0.60	0.61
Extra Income	260.85	277.69†	+0.23	4.80
Family of Funds	70.96	75.77†	+0.03	1.01
Global Bond	56.09	59.98†	-0.07	7.82
Global Resour	112.24	119.85	-0.95	0.67
High Inc	291.26	311.34	-0.51	4.28
Income Gth	235.51	250.41†	-0.15	3.63
-do- Acc	609.19	648.77†	-0.40	3.63
International	231.69	246.80	-0.51	0.88
Japan Spc Sit	248.54	264.50	+0.70	...
Japan	214.81	228.37†	+0.80	...
N Amer	223.75	238.20†	-0.33	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	194.67	207.08	-0.14	0.25
Pref Gilt	46.77	50.26	-0.05	8.41
Smaller Cos Div	170.97	182.85	-0.81	3.89
Special Sits	261.00	279.28	+0.33	1.73
-do- Acc	402.18	430.32	+0.52	1.73
Best of British	54.83	58.69	+0.04	2.60
Spirit of the East	61.64	65.52	-0.48	0.56
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	80.06	85.61	+0.01	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.04	49.04	-0.01	1.47
-do- Acc	48.75	51.92	-0.02	1.47
Far East Opps	32.48	34.74†	-0.25	0.26
-do- Acc	33.52	35.85	-0.27	0.26
General Growth	96.31	103.14	-0.37	2.83
Global Tech	125.47	134.24†	-0.45	...
Income Growth	100.39	107.36	-0.86	3.99
Income Monthly	56.97	60.92	-0.44	5.77
Japan Growth	84.48	89.92†	+0.12	...
Overseas Gth	77.65	82.70†	-0.12	1.19
Smaller Cos	74.33	79.52	-0.17	1.72
Special Opps	106.36	114.36	-0.03	1.35
Wld Spec Sits	49.51	53.16	-0.42	0.50
-do- Acc	49.62	53.28	-0.42	0.50
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.47	91.41	+0.01	2.29
Capital	154.80	165.50	+1.00	1.91
Dollar	311.30	332.90	-1.30	0.01
European	197.10	210.80†	-0.60	0.63
Far East	240.30	257.00	-2.00	0.26
Financial	719.00	768.90	+2.20	1.92
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.47	27.50	+0.01	7.56
High Yield	100.70	107.60†	-0.10	4.54
Income	133.40	142.60	-0.10	3.48
Intl	215.30	230.40†	-0.90	0.31
Japan Tech	74.30	79.46	+0.68	...
Nat Resources	63.42	67.82	-0.55	0.44
Security	291.40	311.60	-0.10	2.00
Smaller Cos	111.90	119.60	-0.10	1.24
Special Sits	137.10	146.60	-0.20	1.61
US Smaller Cos	70.10	74.97†	-0.49	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.32	27.06	-0.07	1.53
Special Features	27.24	28.94	-0.01	1.61
-do- Acc	32.16	34.16	-0.02	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.12	55.79	-0.06	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.71	74.06	+0.04	1.92
do Acc	81.92	87.04	+0.06	1.92
Managed Invest	87.97	93.97	-0.01	1.17
Rupert Children	73.88	78.76	-0.11	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.83	50.83	+0.01	4.38
Extra Inc	80.88	86.60	+0.08	4.69
Gilt	27.91	29.38†	-0.02	6.71
Income Gth	38.57	41.21	+0.12	3.42
MIMstar	77.63	79.32	-0.07	7.74
Preference	17.68	18.78†	+0.01	6.38
UK Income	306.90	328.20	+0.80	2.92
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fixed Sec	58.84	62.51†	+0.28	1.21
Property Shares	63.01	66.04	-0.48	1.74
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.90	152.10	+0.60	3.68
European Acc	114.80	121.60	-0.20	1.72
European Dist	109.30	115.70	-0.30	1.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.19	52.34	-0.05	0.89
European Perf	116.35	123.10	-0.10	0.98
-do- Acc	118.40	125.40	-0.10	0.98
Euro Small Cos	21.29	22.65	-0.03	0.74
French Growth	66.18	70.36	-0.42	0.32
-do- Acc	70.70	75.16	-0.45	0.52
Hong K/China	70.78	75.20	-0.26	1.66
Intl Growth	52.48	55.76	+0.04	0.63
-do- Acc	52.48	55.76	+0.04	0.63
Japan Perf	35.08	37.25†	+0.07	...
Accum Units	35.08	37.25†	+0.07	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.02	41.48	...	...
Singapore Ascan	80.54	85.57†	-0.63	0.29
-do- Acc	81.04	86.10†	-0.64	0.29
South East Asia	232.40	246.90	-0.90	0.97
US Smllr Cos	103.30	109.70†	...	...
-do- Acc	104.40	110.90†	...	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	38.03	40.65†	-0.07	2.15
Intl Bond	59.17	59.95	-0.07	6.07
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.77	70.11†	+0.01	5.13
Extra Income	52.21	55.54†	+0.68	6.95
Gilt Yield	120.30	126.90†	+0.30	7.12
Global Income	201.00	213.80	-0.80	4.10
High Yield	133.50	142.00†	+1.15	5.87
Smllr Cos Div	48.71	51.82	+0.06	4.05
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	92.98	98.79	-0.31	...
North American	76.54	81.43†	-0.35	0.41
European	128.90	137.10†	-0.90	1.63
Euro Special	72.60	76.30†	-0.34	1.82
General	256.50	272.90†	-3.40	3.27
Japan	438.90	466.90	-0.90	...
Japanese Special	246.80	262.60	+3.20	...
Master Acc	216.60	230.40	-0.60	1.34
Pacific	270.70	288.00	-0.60	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.62	104.90	+0.22	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.60	38.94	-0.10	1.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	73.74	78.45†	-0.54	0.99
Extra Income	23.50	25.00†	...	3.54
Far East	27.87	29.65	-0.14	0.69
Income Gwth	71.41	75.97	+0.07	2.94
Intl Growth	52.00	55.41	-0.47	0.66
Japan	67.43	71.73	-0.28	...
Maximum Dist*	100.50	102.50	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.64	41.11†	-0.35	0.28
UK Equity	85.29	90.73	...	3.02
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.30	54.57†	-0.24	4.59
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	419.10	445.98	...	2.77
Equity Acc	795.70	846.50	+0.10	2.77
Equity Income	90.82	96.62†	+0.23	4.81
European	95.88	102.00	-0.40	1.27
Far Eastern	186.40	198.30	-0.60	...
Fixed Interest	52.51	55.96†	-0.01	6.25
Gilt	92.21	97.78	-0.11	6.29
Global Growth	67.77	72.10†	-0.04	0.44
Intl Bond	56.99	60.63	-0.10	4.68
Japanese	73.39	78.07	+0.25	...
Overseas Equity	97.85	104.10†	-0.10	0.05
Pacific Gth	86.60	92.13	-0.78	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834303				
Balanced	304.40	323.90	+0.10	2.94
-do- Acc	668.40	711.10	+0.10	2.94
Cont Euro Gth	50.74	53.42	-0.38	1.32
-do- Acc	53.66	56.49	-0.41	1.32
Extra Inc	235.20	250.30	+0.30	3.94
-do- Acc	581.30	618.50	+0.50	3.94
German Gth	102.50	107.90	-0.10	0.18
-do- Acc	107.50	113.20	-0.10	0.18
Growth Port	486.00	517.10	-0.20	0.25
-do- Acc	486.00	517.10	-0.20	0.25
Income	441.30	469.50	-6.30	3.69
-do- Acc	1133.0	1206.0	-15.00	3.69
Income Port	489.90	521.20	+0.30	4.12
-do- Acc	494.70	526.30	+0.40	4.12
Japan Growth	100.40	106.90	-1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	100.80	107.30	-1.00	0.01
Master Trust	51.48	54.77	-0.05	1.36
-do- Acc	56.68	60.30	-0.06	1.36
N American Gen	187.40	199.40	-0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	216.40	230.30	-0.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.20	150.30	-3.30	0.01
-do- Acc	144.10	153.30	-3.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	201.20	214.10	-1.50	0.87
-do- Acc	212.60	226.20	-1.60	0.87
Small Cos Rec	301.90	319.50	-0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	395.30	416.30	+0.30	2.39
UK Growth	77.18	82.11†	+1.28	2.40
-do- Acc	90.93	96.74	+1.50	2.40
Worldwide Gth	279.80	297.70†	-1.40	0.29
-do- Acc	412.70	439.10	-1.90	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.54	82.12	-0.05	2.80
Income	61.17	65.63	+0.07	5.20
International	56.98	61.14†	-0.34	0.70
American	59.14	63.46	-0.53	0.30
Japan	55.43	59.47	-0.45	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	57.36	61.55	+0.05	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	387.60	409.90	-3.40	0.90
-do- Acc	478.20	505.80	-4.20	0.90
American Rec	422.20	446.90	-2.70	0.21
-do- Acc	483.70	511.60	-3.10	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	124.00	131.20	-0.80	...
Australia Acc	168.20	178.00	+0.60	1.06
Capital	671.50	710.10	+1.10	2.45
-do- Acc	741.00	783.50	+1.20	2.45
Commodity Acc	452.70	478.80	+1.60	0.74
Compnd Gth	822.40	869.80	+3.00	2.89
Dividend	35.30	37.30	+0.10	4.17
-do- Acc	139.80	147.80	+0.30	4.17
Equity Inc	302.70	320.10	+0.50	4.70
European Div	60.00	63.40	-0.30	4.15
-do- Acc	67.80	71.60	-0.40	4.15
European Gen	384.10	406.20†	-3.50	1.11
-do- Acc	482.50	510.30	-4.40	1.11
Extra Yield	381.90	403.90	+1.40	4.29
-do- Acc	1116.7	1181.2	+4.40	4.29
Far Eastern	300.40	317.70	-2.70	0.75
-do- Acc	395.10	418.00	-3.40	0.75
Fund of Inv	512.20	541.70	-0.40	2.13
-do- Acc	934.20	988.10	-0.70	2.13
General	53.40	56.50†	+0.10	3.60
-do- Acc	142.70	151.10	+0.30	3.60
Gilt Fxd Int	63.12	63.21	-0.10	7.68
do Acc	158.68	158.89	-0.27	7.68
Gold	62.90	66.50†	-0.70	0.62
-do- Acc	74.00	78.20	-0.80	0.62
High Inc	25.20	26.60†	+0.10	4.42
-do- Acc	95.30	100.80	+0.20	4.42
Intl Growth	68.80	72.80	-0.60	0.85
Intl Inc	95.00	100.50	-0.30	4.49
Japan Gen Acc	51.50	54.60	-0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	152.00	160.80	-1.10	...
Midland	55.30	58.50	+0.10	3.21
-do- Acc	177.00	187.40	+0.20	3.21
Recovery	36.40	38.50†	+0.10	2.62
-do- Acc	57.90	61.30	+0.20	2.62
Second Gen	62.20	65.80†	...	3.37
-do- Acc	154.10	163.10	...	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	-0.10	3.06
-do- Acc	114.60	121.40	-0.10	3.06
Trustee	39.50	41.80	...	3.84
Charibond 3	‡114.03	...	-0.10	9.46
Charifund 2	641.80	648.30	+1.70	5.15
Pension ex 1	840.20	861.30	+1.70	4.26
NAACIF Inc 3	‡46.51	...	...	7.63
-do- Acc 3	‡1126.2	...	...	7.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	135.80	145.20†	+0.14	2.07
-do- Acc	152.30	162.70†	+0.14	2.07
UK Income	112.00	119.80†	-0.08	2.60
-do- Acc	126.60	135.40†	-0.08	2.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.03	88.80	-0.72	0.45
Far East (Pacific)	138.00	146.50†	+1.60	0.63
Income Growth	70.43	74.77	-0.17	3.51
European	68.27	72.47	-0.28	1.35
Nth American	56.67	60.16†	-0.31	1.01
UK Growth	75.28	79.92	...	1.62
Intl Growth	95.42	101.30	-0.50	0.63
Charities	107.40	114.00	...	3.85
Intl Income	67.83	72.01†	-0.30	5.51
Japan	53.87	57.19	-0.25	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	189.10	200.90	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	202.10	214.70	-2.10	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.63
-do- Acc	130.00	130.00	...	5.63
European Gth	191.20	202.60	-1.70	0.79
-do- Acc	204.60	217.00	-1.70	0.79
General	455.60	486.00	+1.20	2.49
-do- Acc	866.70	924.50	+2.20	2.49
Global Dist	132.50	139.30	-0.80	5.24
-do- Acc	148.30	155.90	-1.00	5.24
Income	136.90	146.10†	+0.30	4.66
-do- Acc	202.00	215.40†	+0.30	4.66
International	391.10	417.00†	-1.50	0.67
-do- Acc	523.20	554.60†	-2.10	0.67
Japan	188.50	200.00	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	193.50	206.20	-1.70	...
New Europe	137.40	146.60	-0.60	1.77
-do- Acc	139.60	149.00	-0.60	1.77
Recovery	289.50	308.80	-0.70	2.91
-do- Acc	365.70	390.10	+0.80	2.91
European Inc	72.16	76.58†	-0.64	3.18
-do- Acc	93.25	98.97†	-0.82	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	70.85	75.46	+0.04	3.34
-do- Acc	83.56	88.99	+0.04	3.34
Portfolio	73.31	77.94	-0.13	2.91
-do- Acc	83.35	88.63	-0.14	2.91
Gold General	145.70	156.70	-1.30	0.60
-do- Acc	148.90	160.20†	-1.40	0.60
Pacific	91.28	97.37†	-1.41	0.86
-do- Acc	97.07	103.50†	-1.50	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	53.47	57.04	-0.03	1.91
-do- Acc	59.68	63.66	-0.03	1.91
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.11	61.08	-0.04	2.89
-do- Acc	57.99	62.02	-0.04	2.89
British Dist	75.01	80.22	-0.12	2.12
-do- Acc	84.91	90.81	-0.13	2.12
European Gth	171.20	182.90†	+0.40	0.25
-do- Acc	215.00	229.60	+0.40	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.14	72.88†	-0.01	6.30
-do- Acc	121.80	130.30	...	6.30
FT-SE 100 Index	46.86	50.12†	+0.01	2.73
-do- Acc	47.56	50.86	+0.01	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int	56.54	58.85†	-0.06	6.85
-do- Acc	150.90	157.10	-0.10	6.85
High Yield	216.50	231.50	...	4.74
-do- Acc	508.30	543.60	+0.20	4.74
Income	276.30	295.50	+0.30	3.97
-do- Acc	574.40	614.30	+0.40	3.97
Japan Gth	352.70	377.20	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	372.20	398.10	+1.10	...
Mandarin Acc	99.95	106.90	+1.00	0.46
North American	165.60	177.10†	-0.70	0.25
-do- Acc	209.00	223.50	-0.80	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	267.90	285.20†	-2.30	...
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	+0.01	5.87
Deposit Acc	122.98	122.98†	+0.01	5.87
Euro Gth Acc	282.20	301.60†	-1.70	...
Europa	121.00	130.00	-0.90	...
Intl Gth	172.90	184.90	-1.70	...
Japan Tracker	79.27	83.95	-0.64	...
UK Equity Inc	147.10	158.20	+0.10	4.17
-do- Acc	180.40	194.00	+0.10	4.17
UK Ind Tracker	140.90	150.90	...	3.18
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.30	204.00	-1.80	1.44
-do- Acc	203.40	215.80	-1.90	1.44
Asian Trader	157.90	171.10	-1.20	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 898 932				
American Inc	167.70	177.90	-2.10	2.19
European	59.79	60.99	-0.57	1.82
Olympiad	55.09	56.53	-0.34	0.38
Global Bond	47.84	48.37	-0.27	6.36
Smaller Cos	67.56	70.57	+0.11	0.92
Equity Income	89.60	92.08†	-0.10	5.18
UK Growth	82.03	84.56	+0.11	1.79
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.81	49.93	-0.54	0.88
Australian Acc	310.90	333.50	-1.80	...
Conscience	62.71	66.92†	...	1.30
-do- Acc	67.68	72.23	...	1.30
European	167.20	177.80	-0.60	1.17
-do- Acc	179.90	191.30	-0.20	1.17
Extra Income	71.59	76.40	-0.06	5.81
-do- Acc	109.50	116.80	-0.10	5.81
Far East Gth	162.90	174.10	-0.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.76	63.07	+0.16	6.53
Gold	53.18	57.18	-0.71	...
-do- Acc	57.27	61.58	-0.77	...
Income	51.12	54.52†	-0.06	5.15
-do- Acc	156.50	166.90	-0.20	5.15
International	29.48	31.63	-0.06	1.04
-do- Acc	42.35	45.43	-0.10	1.04
Jap Sm Cos Acc	349.60	372.90	+2.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	182.50	195.70	-2.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.91	26.78†	+0.03	2.05
Special Sits	31.58	33.95	...	1.77
-do- Acc	36.37	39.10	...	1.77
Tokyo	88.06	93.93	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	88.95	94.88	+0.20	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.87	70.08†	-0.05	2.73
N&P Glt Fxd Int	76.53	80.99	+0.01	5.88
N&P Higher Inc	193.70	206.10†	-0.10	4.65
N&P UK Income	100.01	106.40	+0.07	3.81
N&P Intl	87.56	93.15	-0.04	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	74.88	79.66	+2.75	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.17	173.59†	-0.61	2.02
Global	292.31	310.97	-0.56	3.06
Growth	107.41	114.27	-0.22	1.93
Income	199.42	212.15†	-0.40	4.40
Intl Bond	129.73	137.78	+0.37	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.80	141.80	-0.10	2.61
-do- Acc	228.80	251.40	...	2.61
Income	217.60	231.40	+0.10	3.57
Intl Equity	223.10	237.30	-1.10	0.85
-do- Acc	244.30	259.80	-1.20	0.85
Equity	311.30	324.70†	-0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	433.20	460.80	-0.10	2.30
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.52	72.88	-0.05	2.00
UK Income	59.26	63.04†	+0.05	3.12
UK Smllr Co Acc	75.64	80.46	+0.03	1.41
New Europe Acc	61.06	64.97	-0.63	1.24
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417080				
Asian Smllr Mkt	92.52	98.96	-0.76	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	101.17	108.21	-0.01	1.38
Intl Gth	486.61	520.44	-1.28	0.77
Income	303.71	324.83	-0.24	3.20
W wide Recov	312.43	334.16	-1.08	0.40
American Gth	208.83	223.35	-0.92	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	185.62	198.53	-0.79	0.20
Far East Gth	221.34	236.73	-0.25	0.01
European Gth	112.57	120.40	-0.51	1.16
UK Growth	76.58	81.91	-0.12	2.75
High Income	82.43	88.17†	-0.02	4.35
Japanese Gth	218.95	233.05	-0.02	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	174.80	185.90	-1.10	0.69
High Income	107.90	114.10	-0.10	3.60
Conv Gilt	108.90	115.90	-0.10	6.04
Far East	318.50	338.80	+4.40	0.23
Global Inc Acc	31.65	33.67	-0.02	5.22
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.13	53.33†	-0.29	0.21
Emerging Mkts	63.55	67.61†	-2.19	0.56
General	46.16	49.11†	-0.04	3.27
International	83.52	88.85	-0.25	1.35
Gilt Units	25.90	26.70	+0.07	7.22
Global PEP	34.49	36.69	-0.06	2.11
Income Gth	64.35	68.46	+0.26	4.79
European	42.85	45.59	-0.04	0.66
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.21	25.76†	...	6.07
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.15	33.31	-0.03	1.73
Pru Csh Fnd Inc	101.55	102.05†	+0.01	4.90
-do- Acc	105.69	106.21†	+0.01	4.90
Pru Equity	642.24	686.89	-1.46	2.64
Pru Equity Inc	78.29	83.73	-0.02	4.57
Pru European	173.40	185.45†	-0.45	1.18
Pru Global Gth	79.20	84.70	-0.07	1.36
Pru High Inc	84.12	89.96†	-0.17	4.87
Pru Intl	161.72	172.96†	-0.41	1.15
Pru Intl Sm Co	70.14	75.01	-0.13	0.69
Pru Japanese	203.27	217.40	+0.12	...
Pru Nth Amer	143.46	153.42	+1.31	0.83
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.70	82.03	-0.59	1.21
Pru Premr Inc	50.19	52.27†	-0.07	5.18
Pru Smllr Cos	81.73	87.41	-0.15	2.16
Pru Spec Sits	95.12	101.73†	-0.10	2.50
Pru UK Growth	107.29	114.74	-0.09	2.51
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	151.64	163.39	+0.25	3.61
FA Japan	280.96	301.12	-1.09	...
FA Maj UK Cos	89.10	95.87†	-0.10	2.58
FA America Inc	497.13	533.46	-3.81	0.76
-do- Acc	577.42	619.62	-4.42	0.76
FA Smlr UK Cos	266.05	280.65	+0.37	1.66
FA European	249.17	265.88	-2.16	1.52
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.44	77.03	-0.70	3.66
Capital Units	142.30	151.40†	-0.70	1.30
Commodity	113.70	121.00	-1.80	1.08
European Gth	156.80	166.80	-1.00	1.26
Financial Sec	177.10	188.40†	+0.10	1.79
High Return	207.50	220.70†	-0.40	3.75
High Yield	204.40	217.40	+0.20	4.00
Income Units	108.70	115.60	+0.20	4.76
Investment	177.40	188.70	+0.10	1.27
Japan Gth	157.50	167.60	-1.30	...
Japan Smaller	182.60	194.30	+1.30	...
Mastertrust	46.47	49.44†	-0.22	1.29
Scotbits	257.80	274.30†	...	1.50
Scotshares	254.50	270.70†	-0.50	2.54
Scotyields	222.20	236.40	-0.10	3.94
Select Intl	129.20	137.40	-1.40	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.10	242.70	-0.80	3.88
Special Situation	110.70	117.80†	+0.40	0.82
UK Equity	221.10	235.20	-0.50	2.76
US Growth	137.60	146.40	-1.20	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	234.28	249.10	-1.15	0.59
-do- Acc	253.83	269.88	-1.26	0.59
Australian	130.11	138.78	-1.10	0.82
-do- Acc	152.96	163.15	-1.30	0.82
UK Enterprise	212.52	226.68†	+0.28	2.36
-do- Acc	248.34	264.89	+0.32	2.36
European Gth	61.19	65.11†	-0.16	1.36
-do- Acc	63.55	67.62	-0.18	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	53.23	56.90†	-0.20	0.46
-do- Acc	55.61	59.31	-0.19	0.46
Far Eastern Gth	71.86	76.67	-0.26	...
-do- Acc	73.04	77.91	-0.26	...
Fixed Interest	54.57	57.54	+0.09	6.51
-do- Acc	66.26	69.87	+0.11	6.51
Gilt Income	105.73	111.41	+0.36	7.42
-do- Acc	147.66	155.60	+0.50	7.41
Income	317.22	338.36	-0.09	3.80
-do- Acc	935.69	998.06	-0.27	3.80
Japan Enterprise	69.62	74.26	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	69.62	74.26	-0.21	...
Japan Smllr Cos	480.29	512.30†	-0.63	...
-do- Acc	481.25	513.52	-0.63	...
Pacific Gth	93.71	99.95	-1.25	0.07
-do- Acc	96.49	102.91	-1.29	0.07
Smaller Cos	189.62	202.28†	-0.11	0.79
-do- Acc	219.52	233.94	-0.12	0.79
Tokyo	110.17	117.51	-0.56	...
-do- Acc	111.28	118.69	-0.57	...
UK Equity	206.08	219.81†	-0.20	2.58
-do- Acc	386.39	412.14	-0.39	2.58
US Smllr Cos	136.40	145.49	-0.24	...
-do- Acc	136.40	145.49	-0.24	...
World Fd	70.43	75.12	-0.19	2.08
-do- Acc	74.26	79.20	-0.20	2.08
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.66	49.69	+0.05	3.72
Equity Strategy	62.86	66.94	+0.18	1.04
European Opps	71.60	76.25	-0.26	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.56	102.12	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.17	56.63	-0.04	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.30	358.20	-0.60	2.89
American	246.70	261.80	-1.40	0.79
Pacific	338.10	361.60	-0.50	0.66
European	446.00	477.00	-2.10	1.20
Worldwide	79.70	85.24	-0.35	1.12
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.60	316.60†	+0.20	2.74
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.50	221.90†	+0.10	1.63
European	328.70	349.70	-2.30	1.66
North American	257.00	273.80	-1.70	0.56
Income Plus Inc	66.89	71.11	+0.12	1.77
UK Spec Sits	66.48	70.73	+0.06	2.92
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.21	27.02	+0.03	2.92
Intl Growth Acc	29.48	31.55	-0.17	1.01
Market Ldrs Acc	25.43	27.22	-0.03	3.05
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	99.97	...	-1.03	...
Global Bond	100.34	...	-0.14	7.50
Japan Samurai	96.84	...	-0.60	...
UK Growth	98.30	...	-0.49	4.02
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.01	46.77	...	1.66
Equity Gth Acc	59.69	63.41	+0.30	1.35
UK Eq General	41.13	43.71	+0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	54.32	57.72	+0.10	2.30
European Acc	41.77	44.39	-0.10	1.09
Far East Acc	56.69	60.24	+0.10	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.23	33.03	...	6.33
N American Acc	43.22	45.93	-0.30	0.03
Ors Lgr Cos Acc	283.00	307.10	...	1.44
UK Eq High Inc	35.41	37.63	+0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	42.05	44.68	+0.10	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	295.30	309.60	+0.50	3.51
UK Lgr Cos Acc	371.50	403.10	-0.60	3.81
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.57	N283.79	-0.007	1.25
US Eq	$2.111	$2.242	+0.034	1.19
Far East Eq	Y240.5	Y255.5	+8.20	...
Japan Eq	Y244.2	Y259.4	+5.20	...
FT Europe	111.80	118.70	+0.90	2.20
FT North Am	$1.710	$1.813	-0.017	1.32
FT Japan	Y243.7	Y258.8	+8.10	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.878	$1.994	-0.018	1.53
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	342.70	365.20	-1.40	0.32
British	931.80	985.80	-1.60	4.15
European	389.10	414.00	-1.40	1.40
Japan	148.00	157.10	-0.40	...
New Pacific	299.60	319.10	+1.10	1.04
Mngd Cash	95.50	95.50†	...	5.18
Majority Stlg	99.69	100.68†	...	4.89
Inv TR	190.60	202.00	+0.30	1.78
Saints PPP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	713.30	762.90	+0.50	3.15
N America Acc	116.00	124.10	-0.40	0.32
Far East Acc	123.90	132.50	-0.90	0.08
W wide Bond	61.58	65.37	-0.19	5.44
European	83.48	89.28	-0.15	0.62
Equity Income	81.64	87.32†	+0.13	4.19
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.20	36.58	-0.28	0.54
Managed Assets	116.76	124.86†	-0.30	3.22
UK Income	35.85	38.35†	+0.03	3.08
UK Growth	35.67	38.15	...	2.30
Worldwide Gth	31.12	33.20†	-0.30	0.44
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	210.16	223.57	-0.18	0.08
-do- Acc	230.82	245.55	-0.20	0.08
British Gth	83.84	89.19	+0.08	1.98
-do- Acc	98.64	104.94	+0.09	1.98
European	90.22	95.98	-0.31	0.96
-do- Acc	95.17	101.24	-0.32	0.96
Extra Inc	184.78	196.57	+1.70	4.10
-do- Acc	294.77	313.58	+2.72	4.10
General Unit	257.00	273.40†	+0.31	2.41
-do- Acc	513.26	546.02†	+0.62	2.41
Income	318.47	338.80†	+0.49	3.56
-do- Acc	661.82	704.06†	+1.02	3.56
International	487.44	518.56	-1.47	0.44
-do- Acc	638.11	678.84	-1.94	0.44
Pacific	344.56	366.55†	-4.16	...
-do- Acc	361.94	385.04†	-4.37	...
Premier Income	51.72	53.87	+0.10	6.28
-do- Acc	107.83	112.32	+0.22	6.28
Nat Resources	139.14	148.02	+1.50	0.15
-do- Acc	152.69	162.44	+1.64	0.15
Selected Opps	95.26	101.34	-1.01	1.18
-do- Acc	119.26	126.87	-1.27	1.18
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	74.52	79.48	-1.48	...
-do- Acc	76.87	81.99	-1.51	...
European Opps	60.83	64.78	-0.25	0.46
-do- Acc	61.47	65.45	-0.25	0.46
Far East Opps	152.15	162.29	-0.28	...
-do- Acc	155.71	166.09	+0.30	...
Japan	88.32	93.94	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	88.32	93.94	-0.16	...
Little Dragons	73.14	78.01	-0.29	0.64
-do- Acc	75.29	80.30	-0.31	0.64
Oriental Income	44.31	47.26	+0.02	3.37
-do- Acc	56.48	60.26	+0.02	3.37
Tiger	211.32	225.40	-0.54	1.17
-do- Acc	222.01	236.81	-0.56	1.17
UK Small Cos	78.19	83.62	+0.45	1.90
-do- Acc	91.22	97.56	+0.53	1.90
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	19.22	20.44	-0.16	0.50
Pacific Basin	32.62	34.70	-0.16	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.44	37.70	-1.00	...
Global Bond	$0.987	$1.008	+0.000	7.13
Penny Share	24.50	26.06	+0.06	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.98	52.98	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	68.45	71.24	-0.12	...
Gilt Income	52.54	54.68†	-0.08	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	108.70	110.10	-0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.726	-0.000	...
Challenger	95.12	97.34	-0.61	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.89	71.15	-0.13	1.97

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	2,200	Cadbury	3,400	MB Cardn	347	Scot Power	1,600
Abbey Natl	22,000	Carlton Cms	715	Marks Spr	3,700	Sears	9,400
Alld-Lyons	2,600	Coats Vly	3,000	NFC	620	Svrn Trent	763
Anglian W	769	Cm Union	1,000	NatWst Bk	4,400	Shell Trans	1,900
Argyll Gp	7,200	Courtaulds	841	Nat Power	4,800	Siebe	659
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	De La Rue	2,100	Nth Wst W	502	SmKl Bch	1,100
AB Foods	99	Enterpr Oil	1,500	Nthrn Fds	2,700	Smith Nph	2,700
BAA	3,800	Forte	3,700	P & O	1,700	Std Chartd	974
BAT Inds	9,400	GRE	3,800	Pearson	1,900	Sun Allnce	437
BOC	2,100	GUS A	458	PowerGen	4,100	TI Gp	340
BP	3,600	Gen Acc	922	Prudential	5,500	TSB	1,500
BT	4,500	Gen Elec	3,600	RMC	265	Tate & Lyle	1,300
BTR	2,500	Glaxo	3,500	RTZ	2,700	Tesco	7,700
Bk of Scot	5,200	Granada	1,500	Rank Org	1,600	Thames W	1,200
Barclays	4,100	Grand Met	7,600	Reckitt Col	1,300	Thrn EMI	560
Bass	2,200	Guinness	2,500	Redland	179	Tomkins	3,900
Blue Circle	1,000	HSBC	1,000	Reed Intl	1,700	Unilever	7,400
Boots	2,300	Hanson	4,900	Rentokil	1,300	Utd Bisc	2,300
Bowater	1,200	ICI	1,400	Reuters	1,900	Vodafone	602
Brit Aero	2,500	Inchcape	2,400	Rothmans	434	Warburg (SG)	523
Brit Airwys	2,800	Kingfisher	3,800	Ryl Ins	1,700	Wellcome	1,600
Brit Gas	4,300	Ladbroke	3,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Whitbd 'A'	3,000
Brit Steel	10,000	Land Secs	1,100	Sainsbury	2,300	Wlms Hld	1,200
Burmah Cast	613	Legal & Gn	380	Scot Hydro	500	Wolseley	1,100
Cable Wire	2,300	Lloyds Bk	5,000	Scot & New	874	Zeneca	2,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3538.63 (+23.19)
S&P Composite .... 450.52 (+2.43)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20139.11 (-41.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6955.50 (-0.60)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 117.1 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1804.5 (+0.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1811.55 (-4.37)

FT 30 share: .... 2220.9 (-7.7)

Brussels:
General .... 6767.11 (+14.46)

Paris: CAC .... Closed

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 544.00 (-2.40)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1405.97 (-2.47)
FT 500 .... 1509.78 (-4.78)
FT Gold Mines .... 225.30 (+4.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 116.84 (+0.31)
FT Govt Secs .... 98.46 (+0.56)
Bargains 24455
SEAQ Volume 612.7m
USM (Datastream) .... 139.37 (-0.07)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 12	July 23	October 14	October 25

Call options were taken out on 14/7/93: Aminex, Avesco, Courts Cavendish, Resort Hotels, Scantronic Holdings, Standard & Chartered.
Put: Lloyd Chemists.
Puts & Calls: Cluff Resources, Greenwich Resources, Pentos, Resort Hotels.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 43135	Sep 93	2837.0	2850.0	2830.0	2840.0	8640
	Dec 93	2857.0	2857.0	2856.0	2858.0	2
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 330797	Sep 93	94.16	94.23	94.13	94.21	37998
	Dec 93	94.38	94.46	94.35	94.43	16145
	Mar 94	94.32	94.42	94.28	94.38	8921
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 13496	Sep 93	96.59	96.61	96.59	96.63	275
	Dec 93	96.23	96.27	96.22	96.27	293
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 645565	Sep 93	93.26	93.31	93.26	93.31	32932
	Dec 93	93.98	94.03	93.98	94.02	17910
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 83889	Sep 93	108-03	109-01	108-01	108-29	62903
	Dec 93	108-02	108-02	108-02	108-04	41
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	109.66	109.66	109.53	109.63	1824
	Dec 93				108.67	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 177359	Sep 93	96.03	96.33	95.99	96.31	59900
	Dec 93	96.24	96.34	96.24	96.47	91
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 19849	Sep 93	99.87	100.09	99.86	100.06	2403
	Dec 93				100.25	0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 30176	Sep 93	93.13	93.17	93.03	93.08	288
	Dec 93	93.80	93.82	93.70	93.75	811
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 40049	Sep 93	95.55	95.62	95.55	95.59	3654
	Dec 93	95.78	95.84	95.78	95.83	1092
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 49557	Sep 93	104.25	104.44	104.02	104.28	7759
	Dec 93	104.00	104.08	103.92	103.92	200

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.7 (day's range 81.5-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8934-2.9057	2.9021-2.9057	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	53.08-53.19	53.12-53.18	4-8ds	8-12ds
Copenhagen	9.9940-10.0760	10.0530-10.0760	2¼-3¼ds	5⅞-7¼ds
Dublin	1.0661-1.0744	1.0729-1.0744	3-9ds	17-24ds
Frankfurt	2.5713-2.5829	2.5757-2.5790	¼-⅜ds	¾-1ds
Lisbon	247.29-249.49	249.01-249.49	114-124ds	303-331ds
Madrid	199.48-202.62	202.33-202.62	95-103ds	255-276ds
Milan	2369.90-2384.50	2381.30-2384.50	6-7ds	19-21ds
Montreal	1.9106-1.9286	1.9257-1.9286	0.31-0.23pr	0.57-0.43pr
New York	1.4915-1.5020	1.5010-1.5020	0.38-0.37pr	1.06-1.04pr
Oslo	10.9260-11.0130	10.9900-11.0130	¼-⅜ds	par-1⅜ds
Paris	8.7700-8.8290	8.8150-8.8290	1½-2ds	3⅞-4⅜ds
Stockholm	11.8290-11.9200	11.8960-11.9200	2⅛-3⅛ds	6⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	161.43-162.24	161.43-161.70	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.07-18.16	18.13-18.16	½-1½ds	1⅞-3⅛ds
Zurich	2.2672-2.2746	2.2672-2.2703	⅜-¼pr	⅞-¾pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4955-1.4981
Australia dollar	2.2070-2.2102
Bahrain dinar	0.5565-0.5685
Brazil cruzeiro*	91982.4-92046.8
Cyprus pound	0.757-0.767
Finland marka	8.5595-8.6755
Greece drachma	347.5-354.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.615-11.625
India rupee	46.39-47.35
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8463-3.8704
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.7202-2.7271
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.532-5.668
Singapore dollar	2.4252-2.4284
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8722-6.9220
S Africa rand (com)	5.0268-5.0348
U A E dirham	5.418-5.542

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4738-1.4749
Austria	12.12-12.13
Belgium (Com)	35.47-35.48
Canada	1.282-1.283
Denmark	6.692-6.702
France	5.873-5.878
Germany	1.719-1.720
Hong Kong	7.7567-7.7577
Ireland	1.398-1.399
Italy	1586.5-1587.5
Japan	108.0-108.1
Malaysia	2.5685-2.5695
Netherlands	1.9335-1.9345
Norway	7.33-7.34
Portugal	165.6-165.8
Singapore	1.6195-1.6205
Spain	134.4-134.5
Sweden	7.941-7.951
Switzerland	1.5142-1.5152

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁷⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5⅜ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅜ ; 3 mth: 5⁵⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5²¹⁄₃₂-5¹⁹⁄₃₂	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5½-5⁷⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾
Interbank:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 6½, close 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	5¹³⁄₁₆	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5³¹⁄₃₂-5²⁹⁄₃₂	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5²⁵⁄₃₂-5²³⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.04	n/a	3.15-3.11	3.32-3.28	3.56-3.52
Building Society CDs:	6-5⁷⁄₈	5³¹⁄₃₂-5²⁹⁄₃₂	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5²⁷⁄₃₂	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 30, 1993 Agreed rates July 26, 1993 to August 24, 1993. Schemes III: 7.18%. Reference rate May 29, 1993 to June 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.939%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	8⅛-7⅛
French Franc	8-7½	8⅛-8	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	8-7
Swiss Franc	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾	4¾-4½	5⅛-4⅞
Yen	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3	3³⁄₁₆-3¹⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $395.70-396.10 Close: $391.80-392.20 High: $396.00-396.50 Low: $390.50-391.00 **Krugerrand:** $391.00-393.00 (£260.00-262.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $407.25 (£271.85) **Silver:** $4.97 (£3.31) **Palladium:** $138.50 (£92.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	44	57½	60½	1	9	15½
(*540)	550	6½	26	36	15	27½	37
Argyll	300	13	25	31	3½	11½	17
(*307)	330	1½	11	17	23½	25½	34
ASDA	57	6½	8½	-	1	4	-
(*62)	67	1½	4	-	6	9½	-
Boots	420	7½	29½	35	9½	20	29
(*415½)	460	1	9½	17	44½	45½	54
Br Airways	287	20	33	35	2½	10½	16
(*304)	316	3½	17	22½	16½	24	31
BP	280	22½	29	34½	1	7½	12½
(*299½)	300	5½	17	23½	6	16	20½
Br Steel	90	11	15	19	1	4	6½
(*100½)	100	3½	9½	14	4	9½	11
C & W	750	23	46½	61½	9½	27	36½
(*770)	800	2	22	35½	47	57	65½
CU	580	42½	50½	-	2	14½	-
(*618½)	629	6	22½	-	18	39½	-
ICI	633	19	35½	52	5	29½	36
(*642½)	657	6½	24½	40	21½	44½	50
Kingfishr	584	7½	26	-	15	30	-
(*572½)	632	1	10	-	58½	63	-
Land Sec	550	44	56½	64	1	6½	14
(*594½)	600	6½	25½	32½	15	26	34½
M & S	330	9	21½	26	5	13½	18
(*321½)	360	1	8½	15	28½	31½	35½
Nat West	460	38	45	56	1½	9½	15
(*497)	500	7½	23	32½	12½	27½	33
Sainsbury	460	2	14	23½	30½	37	43
(*431)	500	1	5	9½	71	71	73
Shell	600	21½	34	45	3½	18½	25
(*616)	650	1½	10½	20	36	49	53½
Smkl Bch	420	11½	28½	39½	10½	25	37½
(*423½)	460	1½	13	23½	42	51	56
Storehse	180	13	20½	25	1½	6	10½
(*190½)	200	2	9	14½	15	16	21
Trafalgar	101	4½	11½	-	3	7½	-
(*105)	110	1½	7	9½	9½	14	15
Unilever	950	15	50½	68½	12½	24½	30½
(*952½)	1000	2½	26½	43	51	61½	69½
Zeneca	600	25½	43½	55	4	24	31½
(*621)	650	2½	16	31½	33	53½	60½

Series		Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	23½	34½	44½	3	13	24
(*410)	420	4	19	31	18½	28	39
Ladbroke	180	9½	19	24	3	12½	16
(*187)	200	1½	9½	15	15	24½	23½
Utd Bisc	360	14	30	40½	6	17	28
(*368)	390	3	17	27	26	36	46

July 14, 1993 Tot: 27060 Calls: 14246 Puts: 12814 FT-SE Calls: 5158 Puts: 2515
*Underlying security price.

Series		Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	36½	50	64½	5½	17	24
(*727)	750	8	31½	38	30	41	46½
Thames W	460	33½	46½	49	2	11½	14½
(*489)	500	8	22	26½	17½	29½	33

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	400	25	34	45½	5	16½	21½
(*419)	425	8	23	31	21½	30	34
BTR	360	10	19	26	7	17½	19½
(*361½)	390	1½	7½	13	30½	36½	38½
Br Aero	420	23	45	63½	18	39	47½
(*420½)	460	9	30	45½	43½	60	71
Br Telcm	390	26	30	35½	2	13½	19½
(*410½)	420	7½	15	20½	14	23½	35
Cadbury	420	25	37½	47	4½	15	17½
(*438)	460	4½	17½	27	26½	36½	40½
Guinness	460	13	31½	44	13	25	32
(*454½)	500	2½	14	26	44	50½	56½
GEC	300	21	29½	34	3	7	10
(*320)	330	3½	12	19	17	21	24½
Hanson	220	19	24	27½	1½	6	9½
(*237)	240	5½	11	15	9½	14½	19
LASMO	140	13	19½	25	3½	10	14
(*146)	160	3½	10½	16	16	22	25
Lucas	140	11	17½	22	4	11½	14½
(*146)	160	2½	9½	13½	16½	24	26½
Pilkngtn	120	14½	20½	21½	1½	5½	9½
(*132)	130	7	14	14	4½	9½	14
Prudential	330	17½	27	34	4½	12½	16½
(*342)	360	3½	12½	19	22	29½	33
Redland	460	18½	36½	45	11½	31½	37
(*467½)	500	4	19½	29	39	55½	61½
Royal Ins	307	13	25	32½	7½	16½	23
(*320½)	346	3	12	19½	28½	34	37½
Tesco	200	8	16	22	6½	14	17
(*201½)	220	2	8	13½	22	27	29½
Vodafone	420	28	46½	54½	6	18	24
(*439½)	460	7	23	34	27½	38½	44½
Williams	300	24½	31½	38	3	11½	15
(*319½)	330	6	15½	23	15½	28	31½

FT-SE INDEX (*2831½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jul	137	88	37	5	1½	1½
Aug	149	104	67	40	22	11
Sep	159	121	87	58	38	23
Oct	175	137	105	77	55	38
Dec	205	-	139	-	90	-
Puts						
Jul	1½	2	2½	22	70	121
Aug	13	19	33	50	88	137
Sep	21	33	48	70	99	135
Oct	29	45	62	83	111	145
Dec	52	-	86	-	136	-

Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abby Nat	390	36½	38½	40½	5	14½	22
(*408½)	420	9½	23	30	24	30	36½
Amstrad	30	3½	5	6	2½	3½	4
(*31)	35	1½	3	4	5½	6½	7
Barclays	460	21½	45½	55½	12½	19½	25
(*454)	500	10½	25½	35	32½	40½	46½
Blue Circ	240	15	21½	27½	11½	15	22½
(*243½)	260	6½	13½	19½	22	22	34½
Br Gas	280	19	25	27½	5½	11	14
(*290)	300	9	12	17	15	23½	25
Dixons	180	16½	24	25	7	12	16
(*191½)	200	7	15	19	19	22	25½
Forte	220	15	22½	25½	12	19½	25½
(*219½)	240	6½	11	20½	25	32	35½
Hillsdwn	140	11½	16½	20½	7½	13½	15
(*142)	160	4	5½	12	22	26	25
Lonrho	130	8	14	17	11	15	18
(*127½)	140	4½	10	14	17½	22	25
Sears	90	8½	11	13	2½	4½	5½
(*95)	100	3	5½	7½	7½	10	11
Thrn Emi	900	25	46	56½	28	42½	50½
(*906)	950	7½	26½	35½	77	94½	92
Tomkins	200	23	28½	32	4	7½	11½
(*220)	220	9	10½	21½	13	16½	19
TSB	180	17	22	25½	4½	8	12½
(*194½)	200	5½	11½	15½	25	19	22
Wellcome	650	37	57	70	30	42	55
(*654)	700	16½	35	50	71½	75½	89

Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	550	31	45	58	25½	46½	54
(*554)	600	12	26	40	58½	72	76
HSBC	650	37	59½	77	25	42	49
(*656½)	700	15½	36½	54½	57	64	96
Reuter	1350	78½	123	149½	34½	64	90½
(*1394)	1400	50	96	122	55½	90	115

Series		Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	11	16	19	7½	13½	15½
(*141)	160	3	5	10½	22	26	27½

Series		Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	17½	26	28½	1½	7½	12½
(*176½)	180	4	14½	17½	9	17	20

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastn Elec	460	33	37	44	5	13½	20
(*490)	500	3½	16½	23½	20½	33	41

Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	330	27½	37½	41	5½	10½	15
(*349)	360	10½	20½	25	19	24½	25½
Scot Pwr	300	11½	18½	-	12	16	-
(*313½)	330	3	10	14	27	29	32½

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures finished mixed in nervous conditions with traders waiting to see if there will be an overnight frost in Brazilian growing areas. Cocoa futures closed up to £16 higher boosted by renewed buying by speculators in New York and the trade in London. White sugar futures were staging a modest recovery after falling sharply during the last couple of days.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Jul	750-747	Sep	813-810
Sep	760-759	Dec	827-822
Dec	769-768	Mar	837-834
Mar	783-781	May	848-843
May	793-792		
Jul	803-802	Volume:	7774

ROBUSTA COFFEE (£)

Jul	981-980	Mar	1005-1003
Sep	1002 BID	May	1007-1005
Nov	1007 BID	Jul	1008-1004
Jan	1007-1004	Volume:	5532

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	..
May	unq	May	..
Aug		Aug	..
Oct		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	268.5-63.5
Spot: 260.0		May	269.0-66.0
Aug	262.9-60.5	Aug	273.5-68.5
Oct	261.5-60.5	Oct	265.5-53.5
Dec	263.4-60.5	Volume:	1258

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.26	98.77	134.70
(+/-)	-1.22	-1.76	-3.29
Eng/Wales:	81.25	98.56	133.94
(+/-)	-1.26	-2.21	-2.62
(%)	+3.0	+11.3	-1.5
Scotland:	81.96	99.67	141.87
(+/-)	+1.73	+0.23	-3.07
(%)	-35.7	-17.4	-49.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jul	unq	unq	Oct	unq	unq
Aug	unq	unq		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	106.05
Nov	107.55
Jan	110.00
Mar	112.05
May	114.15
Volume:	191

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.20
Nov	105.70
Jan	108.15
Mar	110.45
May	111.75
Volume:	10

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	170.80
Oct	170.80
Dec	171.80
Feb	172.30
Apr	150.80
Volume:	30

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	93.0	94.1
May	102.0	103.1
	Volume:	132

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Aug 59.25-59.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Tuesday's American stock figures showed an increase, thus prices staged another downward correction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.60	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.65	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.80	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	17.75	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.05	-0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	197 (-1)	199 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	159 (-3)	160 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Aug	161 (-3)	162 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	163 (-2)	164 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	167 (-1)	169 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	159.00-59.25	Nov	165.25 BID
Sep	160.25-60.50	Dec	167.75-68.00
Oct	163.00 SLR	Jan	168.75-69.00
		Vol:	10636

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	16.63-16.65	Nov	17.18-17.21
Sep	16.77-16.78	Dec	17.35-17.40
Oct	16.99 SLR	Vol:	38018

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	185.25-86.75	Nov	unq
Sep	183.00-87.25	Dec	unq
Oct	177.00-87.25	Vol:	220

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 93	1322	1305	1319
Aug 93	1314	1300	1314
Sep 93	1306	1306	1306
Oct 93	1370	1355	1375

Vol: 213 lots. Open int'st: 3687. Index 1371 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1898.5-1899.0	1905.0-1905.5	224350
Lead ($/tonne)	382.50-383.00	396.50-397.00	104825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	939.50-940.50	957.50-958.00	53150
Tin ($/tonne)	5020.0-5030.0	5075.0-5080.0	9920
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1177.5-1178.0	1202.0-1202.5	1124875
Nickel ($/tonne)	5095.0-5100.0	5149.0-5150.0	345276

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Small losses at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 5. Dealings end July 16. §Contango day July 19. Settlement day July 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP							
425	345	Abbey Nat	409	-5	11.5	3.5	15.8
265	179	Allied Irish	255	+2	...	4.4	13.0
178	130	Aust New Z	178	+3	...	5.1	...
3006½	2712½	Bankamerica	2981½	-75	...	...	...
253	188	Bk of Ireland	241	...	...	3.6	16.4
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	+25	17.0	6.1	...
159	116½	Bank Scotland	158	+3½	4.5	3.6	31.5
496	362	Barclays	485	+4	...	3.9	...
4	2	Benchmark	4	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
513	395	Cater Allen	482	...	27.0	7.0	...
130	85	Cattles	127	...	...	4.1	16.9
3450	1787½	Chase Manh	2993¼	-40½	...	...	...
2137½	1343½	Chicorp	2089¼	-43½	...	...	...
370	290	Close Bros	347	...	...	3.5	15.4
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£122½	-50	...	3.3	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£283½	-162½	...	2.1	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	80½	-2½	...	...	...
1585	826	Fuji Bank Y	1529	-26	...	0.3	...
465	343	Gerrard Nat	432	...	21.5	6.4	11.2
671½	498	HSBC	656	-3	19.0	3.6	15.2
681	494	HSBC HK	688	-2	19.0	3.7	15.3
356	243	Hambros	341	+1	14.0	5.1	15.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	16.0	6.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	407	+4	16.0	4.9	14.1
594	492	Lloyds	575	+7	18.4	4.0	16.4
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	80	...	3.0	4.7	15.9
472	322	Nat Aust Bk	472	+12	...	4.3	16.6
497	398	Nat West	492	+5	17.5	4.4	30.5
387	290	Provident	364	-2	11.4	3.9	16.0
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
292	207	Ryl Bk Scot	290	+3	8.8	3.8	...
987½	487½	Schroders	950	-3	...	1.4	18.9
829	576	Stand Chart	827	+23	30.0	3.0	...
198	145½	TSB	195	-1	6.4	4.2	...
150	78	Union Disc	145	...	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	740	+6	...	3.2	18.7
256	185	-do- 6% 'A'	254	+1	...	3.0	...
7852	4643½	Wells Fargo	7943½	-231½	...	1.4	...
183	121	Westpac	183	...	...	4.1	...
250	188	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	...
BREWERIES							
646	517	Allied-Lyons	540	+3	...	4.9	14.6
647	441	Bass	464	+4	18.9	5.1	10.1
299	189	Boddington	234	-1	7.3	3.3	14.0
420	362	Bulmer (HP)	419	-13	10.1	3.1	...
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	140	...	4.7	4.4	...
372	264	Devenish (JA)	363	...	7.8	2.7	20.5
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'	99	...	...	4.1	28.2
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	51	-1	...	5.3	7.1
400	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	398	...	7.4	2.4	...
480	383	Grand Met	409	-6	12.3	3.8	13.3
427	354	Greenalls Grp	355	...	11.3	4.1	11.8
563	505	Greene King	541	...	12.3	2.9	...
516	440	Guinness	454	-13	...	3.3	16.2
281	230	Hardy Hanson	223	...	2.9	3.6	15.2
125	105	Heavitree	105	...	3.0	3.7	25.0
98	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.7	19.5
342	255	Highland Dist	328½	-9½	6.0	2.3	21.8
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	41.0	1.6	20.4
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
337	250	Invergordn Dist	272	-2	7.0	3.2	...
186	157	Macallan-Glen	166	-1	0.9	0.7	37.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	383	...	...	2.9	18.3
855	655	Mansfield	777	-16	15.4	2.5	...
277	231	Marston Thmp	277	...	5.4	2.4	...
418	328½	Matthew Clark	415	...	...	5.2	...
300	253	Mrrydwn W	285	...	...	2.7	20.6
545	455	Morland	539	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramounts	8	...	...	2.1	14.2
165	145	Regent Inns	164	...	...	3.4	16.4
950	753	SA Breweries	875	-6	...	3.1	14.5
482	408	Scot & New	464	+2	...	4.6	13.8
225	181	Taunton Cider	212	-1	6.0	3.6	...
248	213	Vaux Group	236	-1	9.3	5.0	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	285	-1	...	2.1	23.0
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	479	...	...	4.6	12.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	908	...	...	2.2	25.0
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	494	+9	11.4	2.9	13.9
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.5	3.7	20.1
BUILDING, ROADS							
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Alien	116	-2	...	3.4	26.3
99	65	Amec	83	-2	3.0	4.5	15.4
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
217	135	Ashtead	217	...	4.1	2.4	26.9
142	108	Atwoods	115	...	5.0	5.4	16.6
240	180	BPB Ind	217	+2	...	4.3	37.3
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	75	...	3.1	5.2	25.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	92	...	1.2	1.7	16.7
158	94	Barratt Devs	144	-1	2.0	1.7	16.0
412	305	Bellway	387	-2	...	3.9	22.4
38	15	Bellwinch	36	...	...	...	...
423	299½	Berkeley Gp	401	...	6.0	1.9	...
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blockleys	52	-4	1.0	2.4	57.5
265	189	Blue Circle	244	+2	...	5.8	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	277	...	5.9	2.7	15.5
106	78	Breedon PLC	92	...	4.6	6.2	22.2
121	82	Br Dredging	114	-4	5.2	5.7	25.3
83	45	Brit Fittings	76	...	1.5	2.5	...
151	99	Bryant	132	-1	...	4.5	28.2
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
284	205	CRH	270	-2	...	3.4	17.2
43	21	Cakebread Rby	23	...	...	...	...
46	25	Costain	40	-1	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	136	...	...	3.8	35.5
70	38	Crest Nicholson	59	-3	0.0	...	...
94	28	Cussins	...	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunmore	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	15	...	0.5	4.2	...
260	178	Epwin	254	...	6.8	3.3	21.5
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
380	252	Eve Group	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	46	+1	2.0	5.7	21.6
6½	3½	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	135	...	...	4.6	21.6
50	38	Galliford	39	...	4.3	...	15.7
79	52	Gibbs & Dandy	52	...	...	...	...
883	695	Gleeson (MJ)	878	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	120½	...	...	4.4	27.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	1.2	3.5	...
296	186	Heywd Wm	296	...	12.5	5.3	...
106	37	Higgs & Hill	93	-2	2.5	3.4	...
35	27	How Gp	27	...	...	6.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	38	Ibstock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
276	190	Laing (J)	266	...	9.0	4.2	10.6
83	55	Ln Clydeside	82	...	4.5	7.1	20.7
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
330	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	3.6	19.3
143	93	Marley	137½	+5	4.2	3.8	40.3
95	61	Marshalls	85	...	...	6.1	56.6
175	122	Maunders (J)	166	...	4.9	3.7	15.2
214	96	Mcalpine (A)	193	-1	6.5	4.2	33.4
40	23	McCarthy & S	28	-1	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	352	+1	...	3.6	35.3
4	1	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	105	...	4.0	4.8	...
86	51	NSM	76	+1	...	...	...
51	46	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	149	...	...	6.7	19.9
300	197	Persimmon	268	...	8.6	4.0	27.3
30	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	115	...	3.4	3.7	...
6½	3½	Quilignata	3½	...	...	...	...
780	555	RMC Gp	754	+4	...	3.3	28.7
117	75½	Raine Ind	80	-1	6.0	9.4	13.4
36	20	Rantasa	22	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	468	-1	25.0	6.7	27.2
79	64	Roskel	79	...	4.3	6.8	11.6
296	207	Rugby Group	255	+4	6.4	3.2	19.5
42	23	[illegible]	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	-1	...	4.5	19.3
177	86½	Sheffield Insl	175	...	...	3.9	42.9
123	82	Sheriff Hldgs	123	...	...	2.0	18.3
95	66	Shorco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	2½	Starmin	2½	...	0.3	15.0	...
142	103	Tarmac	131	-1½	5.5	5.2	...
194	137	Tay Homes	161	-4	5.8	4.5	10.3
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	106	+6	1.0	1.2	...
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	600	-5	30.0	6.9	...
39	19	Torex Hires	37	...	...	...	...
346	168	Travis Perkins	216	-2	8.0	4.6	38.0
40	33	Try Group	32	...	1.0	3.9	9.1
38	26	Tudor	28	...	...	1.1	...
74	41	Vibroplant	64	-1	2.5	5.0	22.6
65	20	Ward Hldgs	45	-4	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
26	8	Wescol	23	-1	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	133	...	5.0	4.7	20.8
12	4½	West Scaffold	8½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	400	+3	8.7	2.7	27.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	158	-1	3.9	3.1	27.4
187	104	Wimpey G	162	+3	...	4.1	...
37	25	YBM	38	+1	4.0	...	4.4
BUSINESS SERVICES							
675	463	ADT	603	...	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	210	...	12.0	7.4	...
92	36	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Amco Sec	173	...	...	3.8	31.0
118	84	BET Ord	117	+1½	...	3.5	4.7
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	293	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
286	230	Barbour Index	230	...	7.2	3.9	17.1
22	15	Boustead	20	...	0.7	4.4	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	254	-11	...	2.0	21.2
21	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	34	Brooks Service	58	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	2.9	11.7
178	139½	Capita Group	178	...	...	1.5	27.5
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
330	228	Chubb Sec	308	...	...	1.9	20.6
96	18	Connaca	78	+2	...	2.4	19.5
30	6½	Corp Services	27	+1	...	...	...
52	30	Cooks Cstg	50	+1	...	...	...
93	50	Darl	89	...	3.3	4.7	11.8
231	198	Davis Service	218	...	...	4.6	16.4
104	85	EW Facts	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.6	...	17.9
246	215	Hays	236	...	4.6	2.4	23.2
220	174	Hogg Robinsn	213	...	...	3.9	15.9
70	39	Holmes Protectn	39	-1	...	...	...
190	127	[illegible]	176	-2	...	...	18.3
1025	975	ISS B DKr	[illegible]	...	...	1.5	18.4
657	532	Inchcape	543	...	...	...	...
663	669	Johnson Clean	638	...	1.8	4.5	21.2
12	2½	Lep	2½	...	...	6.5	7.2
244	173	Mite Gp	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
1187	893	Manpower	1100	...	...	15.0	5.5
50	40	[illegible]	357	-1	12.8	4.9	12.1
279	192	[illegible]	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
...	...	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
142	113	Reliance Sec	135	...	...	4.2	13.6
...	178	Rentokil	203	+5	2.3	1.4	25.3
282	240	Rolfe & Nolan	280	...	...	3.2	15.8
390	342	Salvesen (C)	351	-2	...	3.8	19.5
35	27	Scott Pickford	27	...	...	3.8	...
349	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
990	695	Serco Gp	990	...	14.0	1.8	27.4
392	235	Sherwd Crsp	235	...	...	3.7	...
130	90	Slotehley	94	...	...	4.0	21.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	316	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
45	27	Welpac	33	-1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23	-½	...	0.5	31.5
CHEMICALS, PLASTICS							
248	210	Allied Colloids	232	...	...	2.3	20.1
838	613	Amersham	830	-6	...	2.0	28.7
7	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9987½	...	...	...	...
283	199	BTP	267	-1	...	4.4	18.4
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£113½	-25	...	4.7	...
178	134	Blagden	149	...	9.5	8.0	16.1
165	93	Brent Chems	101	...	...	9.2	9.2
530	388	Br Bio-Tech	375	...	...	...	...
29	13	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	...	Canning (W)	130	...	7.2	7.0	14.9
508	504	Courtaulds	525	-1	...	3.3	13.9
295	228	Croda	295	...	...	3.3	19.1
149	121	Doefler	139	...	4.6	4.1	10.1
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209	...	7.0	4.3	...
33½	15½	Euro Colour	29	...	0.8	3.4	17.8
300	250	Halstead (J)	300	...	...	2.8	15.0
241	194	Hickson	223	...	...	4.5	20.7
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£106½	-87½	...	3.3	...
235	105	Holliday Chem	204	+1	...	2.3	18.8
770	609	ICI	642	-3	...	5.4	...
668	581	Laporte	609	-2	19.5	4.0	16.8
232	187	Leech	190	-4	7.6	5.3	...
97½	35	MTM	45	...	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1662½	-71½	...	1.7	22.6
450	370	Paterson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
276	228	Plysu	234	+1	...	3.7	15.3
243	173	Porvair	242	...	3.6	1.9	25.0
12½	7	Scottish Specl	11½	...	...	...	...
475	418	Wardle Storeys	422	...	16.0	4.7	17.0
490	346	Wolstenhlme R	475	+2	17.0	4.5	16.2
401	255	Yorks Chem	368	...	...	2.6	19.7
306	240	Yule Catto	249	-2	5.9	3.0	15.2
637	609	Zeneca	621	+3	...	5.5	56.7
DRAPERY, STORES							
105	61	Alexon	67	-2	...	5.9	...
87	42	Amber Day	68	...	3.1	5.7	18.0
306½	257	Argos Plc	304	-3	...	2.9	25.9
25	12	Ashley Group	15	-1	...	4.7	...
178	89	Ashley (Laura)	108	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	292	...	5.1	2.2	30.0
134	94	Austin Reed	121	-1	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	...	...	5.3	14.2
121	64	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
228	208	Betterware	261	-2	...	1.0	31.2
35	22	Blacks Leis	31	-1	2.2	9.5	...
227	133	Body Shop	207	...	...	1.0	26.7
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	13	...	...	0.8	...
401	318	Brown (N)	370	-2	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	81	-1½	...	3.1	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
360	285	Church	353	-2	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	140	...	6.2	3.8	16.9
248	212	Coats Viyella	228	-2	...	4.0	28.8
112	78	Colourvision	110	...	5.6	...	...
662	374	Courts Furnish	661	...	5.5	1.0	...
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	0.4
120	80	Dairy Farm Intl	115	-1	...	2.9	18.3
78½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	79½	-1	1.0	1.7	24.2
281	189	Dixons Grp	192	...	...	4.1	...
413	300	Dunhill	368	-6	8.1	2.8	14.3
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	510	...	16.0	4.0	17.3
135	71	Essex Furn	135	+5	...	2.5	22.9
251	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.9
567	409	Fine Art Dev	567	...	12.7	2.7	19.2
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
513	408	Forminster	513	+15	12.5	3.1	18.2
94	74	French Conne	94	...	...	...	...
65	43	Gent SR	56	...	2.0	4.5	16.4
59	33	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	0.3	0.7	...
3338	2400	GUS	3338	+138	40.0	1.5	26.0
1784	1583	-do- 'A'	1765	+12	40.0	2.8	14.1
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Harcdome	46	+2	5.8	7.6	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	21½	...	2.0	11.7	10.2
60	29	Heritage	35	...	...	...	...
64	39	Honeysuckle	61	...	...	2.0	8.6
108	63	Jacques Vert	98	-2	3.0	3.9	...
619	496	Kingfisher	574	-11	...	3.0	18.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	+2	4.0	7.5	13.7
685	495	Liberty	630	...	7.2	1.4	74.2
320	253	Lloyds Chem	253	-14	5.5	2.7	9.9
152	120	MFI	126	...	...	3.8	26.0
385	311	Marks Spencer	332	-2	...	3.0	18.2
507	465	Menzies (John)	496	...	...	2.8	12.1
221	135	Moss Bros	221	+1	5.5	3.1	26.0
178½	139½	Next	169	+3½	2.5	1.9	19.9
40	15	Oliver (G)	37	...	...	...	...
230	197	Ottakar Intl	270	+2	...	4.6	...
63	45	Peters	47	...	1.5	4.0	9.8
313	255	QS Hldgs	308	...	5.1	2.1	31.7
41½	11	Ramest Group	39½	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	31	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	135	-1	...	2.4	12.2
106	93	Sears	95	...	...	4.6	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	438	-3	13.4	3.8	15.4
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	191	...	...	3.3	24.6
191	148	T & S Stores	158	-3	5.9	4.7	11.8
133	71	Tie Rack	131	...	1.0	1.0	21.4
220	160	Time Products	212	-4	7.5	4.4	18.3
100	63	Usher (Frank)	96	+1	...	6.5	7.6
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wearsom	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	...	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wid of Leather	72	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	188	...	...	2.7	24.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...
ELECTRICALS							
170½	134	ACT Group	159	+2½	...	3.9	16.0
240	223	Acal	223	...	...	3.4	...
162½	38	Acorn Compu	91	...	...	...	46.1
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
138	104	Alba	138	...	...	4.5	16.8
48	19½	Alphameric	41	-1	...	...	...
39½	22	Amstrad	31	...	0.4	...	...
128	70	App Holo	70	...	...	...	...
27	13	Arlen	27	...	...	...	...
59½	35½	Astec	67	...	...	...	1.0
293	250	Bowes Hunter	260	...	9.2	4.4	13.7
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	401	...	19.2	6.0	22.2
575	450	Blick	450	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Burland	1400	...	...	...	...
339	274	Bowthorpe	330	...	6.3	2.4	21.5
445½	376	BT	410½	...	...	4.9	18.9
11	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	...
160	110	Burnfield	143	...	5.7	5.0	22.6
795	669	Cable Wireless	770	+7	...	2.4	24.4
21½	11½	Calorido	17½	-½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
115	74	Compt People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
164	108½	Cray Elec	154½	-1½	...	1.2	15.4
381	243	Crichley	380	...	...	2.0	...
119	86	Dale	97	-2	5.1	6.6	9.4
548	414	Delta	527	+9	...	3.3	21.7
340	205	Denmans Ele	337	...	...	2.3	14.4
620	419	Domino	600	...	7.2	2.1	14.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Drucks	990	...	...	1.2	24.1
415	358	Electrocomp	415	+2	...	2.4	16.7
580	470	El Data Pre	570	-8	5.1	1.1	15.6
102	43	Electron House	102	-8	2.6	3.2	...
30½	10½	Emess	25	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	562	-2	8.0	1.8	25.4
147	106	FKI	139	+1	3.0	2.7	...
426	340	Farnell Elect	422	+1	...	1.8	22.3
65	33	Feedback	64	...	...	2.9	8.3
18	9½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
211	101	First Tech	211	...	...	...	...
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	...	...
23	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	1.6	34.0
345	264	GEC	332	+4	...	4.0	16.2
182	132	Graseby	164	...	...	8.3	34.5
11½	7½	Greyfone	8½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hildare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	DISTEM	155	...	...	2.5	11.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	380	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
19	8	Kembrey	16½	-½	0.1	1.2	...
323	260	Kenwood App	300	...	5.8	2.5	...
216	67	Kewill Sys	196	-1	...	...	...
207	103	Kode	179	...	3.5	3.8	21.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	43	-2	...	...	...
365	217	LBMS	251	...	0.4	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	135	Life Sciences	143	...	3.5	3.1	15.4
269	164	Logica	245	-3	3.6	1.9	28.9
65	44	LPA Inds	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	177	-5	4.3	3.1	16.9
680	528	Macro 4	665	...	...	2.4	22.3
630	527	Memfer	578	...	...	1.9	19.0
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1820	...	...	...	16.8
227	158	Microgen	160	...	7.2	5.7	10.7
34½	23½	Microvitec	25½	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
364	98	Mitel	345	-4	...	...	...
139	108	MMT Compu	127	...	...	3.6	15.4
36	16	Molynx	34	...	1.3	4.8	...
272	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	122	Mulithone Elect	130	...	3.0	2.9	15.9
176	116	Murray Enter	176	+1	1.8	1.3	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6012½	-100	...	...	...
188	138	Neotronics	138	...	2.6	2.4	17.7
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
142	58	Norbain	139	-3	...	0.9	20.8
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
265	195	Oxford Inst	261	+1	4.5	2.2	17.7
83	48	P-E Internat	73	...	1.0	1.7	...
81½	29	P & P	70	-1	1.4	2.5	36.7
80	55	Peek	70	...	3.4	6.1	18.3
190	115	Pegasus	167	...	...	4.8	42.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1112½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1087½	-12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	245	...	...	...	...
470	343	Pilco	470	...	7.7	2.1	30.8
450	303	-do- 'A' Voting	450	...	7.7	2.2	38.1
96	63	Plasmec	71	+1	...	6.6	6.0
104	76	Pressac	103	...	2.4	2.9	20.8
135	98	Psion	101	+1	...	3.1	26.8
229	160	Racal Elect	217	...	4.2	2.4	12.9
70	45	Radamec	70	...	...	2.7	15.0
70	43	Radius	60	...	...	5.6	20.7
92	61	Real Time	75	+3	...	5.2	...
35	18	Rivas	31	...	...	...	39.3
629	488	Sage Gp	497	...	9.0	2.3	15.9
342	222	Sanderson Elec	310	...	9.0	3.6	13.2
68	49	Scantronic	68	+4	3.1	5.9	...
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	220	Sema Gp	367	-4	2.8	1.0	29.8
39	26	Silvermines	30	...	...	4.6	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	6.0	15.5
2512½	1737½	TDK	2375	-62½	...	1.2	...
22	4½	TDS Circuits	10	...	...	...	...
156	80	Telemetrix	135	-2	0.8	0.7	22.2
923	809	THORN EMI	905	-1	...	4.5	18.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	102	...	2.5	3.1	10.5
103	66	Total Systems	67	...	3.0	5.6	...
445	372	Tunstall	435	...	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	244	...	5.8	3.0	42.7
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	30	...	...	1.6	...
471	367	Vodafone	440	+1	...	2.0	19.9
441	366	Volex	431	+2	17.8	5.3	17.2
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
259	221	Wholesale Ftgs	257	...	11.7	5.8	[illegible]
ELECTRICITY							
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	5.4	8.5
487	389	East Midlands	[illegible]	-6	...	5.0	9.5
506	392	Eastern Elec	511	-3	...	4.3	11.9
356	304	Hydro-Elec	330	-3	...	5.1	8.5
501	404	London	516	-9	...	5.0	7.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-7	...	4.9	9.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5	...	5.2	7.4
550	458	Mids Power	514	-7	...	5.0	7.8
515	[illegible]	Seeboard	526	-5	...	4.5	11.4
554	469	Sth Wales	552	-3	...	4.8	8.5
[illegible]	426	Sth Western	501	-7	...	5.2	9.0
506	405	Southern Elec	491	-7	...	5.1	7.7
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	529	-8	...	5.1	8.7
372	273	National Power	349	-8	...	5.0	9.6
392	273	PowerGen	371	-9	...	3.8	10.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-10	...	3.5	10.2
FINANCE, LAND							
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	31.9
105	47	BWD	102	...	...	4.0	15.7
90	26	Baine Fir	89	...	...	3.4	...
492	413	Caledonia	479	...	...	3.5	17.8
1500	1075	Camelia	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
288	243	Candover	284	...	10.2	4.5	20.7
110	71	Fleetech	106	...	...	0.6	...
303	155	Gorett	256	...	...	5.5	8.6
153	125	Ivory Sime	152	...	...	6.2	...
19½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
215	156	Lon Finsbury	212	...	8.4	5.1	15.0
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	7½	Nat Home Loan	6½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
282	246	Rathbone Brs	282	...	6.0	2.1	21.1
29½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
330	253	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	...
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	...	2.6	4.9	...
975	738	Sotheby's	863	...	...	4.4	...
139	85	SIP Capital	135	...	3.0	2.6	55.7
FINANCIAL TRUSTS							
2162½	1487½	Amer Express	2125	...	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	895	...	...	5.9	20.6
143	92	Invesco	143	...	3.0	2.6	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	212	...	...	3.4	10.4
215½	154	MAI	215½	+1½	6.0	3.5	15.7
546	389	MAM	546	+7	15.0	3.4	13.6
829	633	M & G	827	-1	...	3.2	22.0
285	115	Smith New Ct	268	...	...	2.2	3.8
81	55	Trio Hldgs	72	...	...	5.2	...
FOODS							
515	461	AB Food	467	-3	14.0	3.6	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	61½	-½	...	3.3	14.1
255	178	Acatos & Hutch	250	...	6.5	3.3	14.4
76	55	Albert Fisher	63	...	3.7	7.4	10.5
407	297	Argyll	307	-3	...	4.4	11.3
140	112	Assoc Fisheries	123	...	8.0	8.1	...
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	350	-11	6.5	2.3	17.6
86	57	Bensons Crsps	73	-1	...	4.9	16.4
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	-1	...	...	...
455	352	Booker	398	-8	...	6.8	40.9
52	35	Borthwicks	48½	...	...	3.1	60.2
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	23.9
51	38	Budgen	44	...	1.0	2.9	...
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	439	-9	...	3.8	16.3
107	78	Carrs Milling	107	...	3.9	4.6	21.4
196	161	Cranswick	161	-2	...	6.2	12.1
22	8½	Culleus	17½	...	0.5	3.7	...
204	168	Dalepak	191	...	6.0	4.0	...
491	424	Dalgety	451	-4	19.5	5.4	13.1
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	192	...	...	3.6	18.3
134	99	Everest	99	...	...	4.4	13.7
300	269	Farepak	300	...	...	2.4	...
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	71	+1	...	7.3	23.6
125	78	Fyffes	103	...	...	1.5	17.0
483	328	Geest	369	...	8.1	2.7	16.6
12	7	Global	9	...	...	0.9	14.0
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	196	-1	...	4.5	11.0
171	131	Hillsdown	142	...	...	7.7	11.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	216	-9	...	1.9	19.3
131	108	JLI Group	106	-2	4.6	5.5	...
853	684	Kwik Save	684	-8	16.0	2.9	13.1
262	182	Low (Wm)	182	-1	8.4	5.8	8.8
58	41	Matthews (B)	57	...	2.2	4.9	37.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	16½	-½	1.1	8.7	32.2
174	131	Morrison (W)	134	-6	...	0.7	17.4
586	443	Nichols (JN)	533	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
290	242	Nthn Foods	253	-2	...	4.2	12.6
32	13	Nrthmbrn Fgs	16	...	...	...	6.2
229	172	Nurdin Peack	211	-2	...	3.6	12.1
235	205	Park Foods	232	...	6.0	3.3	...
115	83	Perkins Food	84	-2	...	6.5	9.1
96½	47	PizzaExpress	76	-3	...	0.8	43.7
9	1½	Regina Hlth	3½	-½	...	...	...
584	430	Sainsbury J	431	-5	...	2.9	15.1
68	33	Sentry Farm	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
235	105	Sims Food	125	+1	7.5	7.8	...
439	357	Tate & Lyle	385	-5	12.0	3.9	12.1
273	200	Tesco	201½	-5½	...	4.4	9.3
183	125	Thorntons	142	...	3.6	3.2	13.2
183	101	Tresta	161	-2	...	2.8	18.3
375	300	Unigate	347	-3	...	5.8	11.4
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	370	+3	...	5.2	19.1
35	20	Usborne	20	...	0.4	2.5	12.3
337	248	Watson & Phil	298	...	13.3	5.6	15.5
HOTELS, CATERERS							
16	14	Abrdn Stk H	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
231	170	Forte	220	-1½	...	4.5	17.3
212	155	Friendly Hotels	212	+3	5.7	3.4	40.4
8½	5	Harmony Leis	7½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	110½	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	188	+2	11.3	7.4	16.1
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	68	...	...	4.6	18.2
59	44	Queens Moat	47	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cnpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	43	+1½	3.4	10.0	8.4
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	845	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	+1	...	1.1	...
INDUSTRIALS							
218	105	AAF Inds	114	...	...	9.6	7.0
616	478	AAH	484	-1	...	4.5	15.6
175	140	AIM	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
132	86	APV	96	...	...	7.0	...
233	81	ASW	200	...	...	...	...
176	126	Adwest	176	...	7.0	5.0	25.0
28	10	Aerospace Eng	23	...	1.0	...	14.0
518	434	Airsprung	451	...	9.0	2.3	...
147	113	Alendra W	144	+1	3.8	3.3	39.8
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
45	17	Alvis	43	...	1.0	2.9	8.8
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	38	...	...	3.4	...
107	88	Anagen	90	...	...	...	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	...	4.9	...
893	703	Anmalgasta	788	...	...	2.5	14.6
50½	37	Armour	46	...	1.4	4.0	13.5
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	486	-2	...	4.2	19.4
235	169	Assoc Nursg	218	...	...	0.6	...
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	166	+2	...	5.6	14.1
65	28	BLP Group	58	-5	...	...	...
27	17	BM Gp	19	+1	...	0.0	0.8
770	640	BOC	646	-8	23.2	4.5	14.2
79½	62	BSG	67	...	...	6.0	23.3
487	353	BSS Group	429	...	...	5.0	25.7
380	318	BTR	363	+2	...	3.7	20.8
221	168	BWI	168	-2	6.7	5.0	16.2
41½	31	Babcock	35	-½	2.1	7.5	...
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	250	-1	8.9	4.5	17.3
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	637½	-6½	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beauford	8½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17	+½	0.1	0.7	15.7
707	461	Bespak	528	...	10.0	2.4	...
133	75	Bibby (J)	77	...	9.7	...	4.5
312	129	Bigland (J)	263	...	5.0	2.4	13.3
41	21½	Bilston Burnaz	32	...	...	...	...
11½	9½	Bimec Ind	9½	...	0.6	...	...
182	126	Birkby	162	...	...	2.0	...
45	32	Black Arrow	42	...	2.1	6.3	10.0
1½	1½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	177	...	2.9	2.1	18.2
323	129	Bluebird Toys	309	...	...	1.8	19.3
293½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
60	23	Bogod 'A'	26	...	0.3	1.7	...
563	416	Boots	417	-5	...	4.0	15.5
61	42	Booth Inds	48	...	0.7	1.6	...
517	425½	Bowater	450	-3	11.5	3.2	17.8
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1360	-49	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	243	...	...	1.9	18.2
15	12½	Brasway	15	-½	0.5	4.8	10.4
268	204	Brammer	250	...	13.0	6.5	22.6
22	12	Bridgend Gp	22	+2	0.4	2.3	...
119	66	Bridon	103	...	...	4.9	22.9
73	53	Brigport-Gndry	73	...	4.1	7.0	13.7
55	31	Brierley Inv	40	-½	...	7.9	9.8
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Blondsocks	54	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	513	...	...	...	...
106	56	Br Steel	100	+3½	...	4.0	13.8
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	...	0.2	...
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.7	31.8
268	215	Br Vita	227	...	4.4	5.4	...
15	6½	Britton Grp	14	...	...	...	...
730	555	Broken Hill	[illegible]	...	6.0	6.3	20.5
109	78	[illegible] Tech	14	...	...	...	...
10½	6½	[illegible]	23	...	1.0	5.4	22.1
70	...	Campbell & Arm	14	...	2.0	...	...
120	6½	Cannon St	28½	...	...	...	...
463	305	Cape	238	...	...	5.5	16.1
246	176	Carclo Eng	245	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2463	...	...	2.0	...
78	68	Cassidy Bros	71	...	...	4.3	11.3
198	158	Ceatings	190	-1	4.3	2.9	13.4
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	8.4
707	605	Charter Cons	650	-2	...	4.3	11.8
295	220	Chemring	285	+5	...	3.6	17.2
42	47	Chieftain Gp	49	...	5.1	13.0	10.5
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Intl	185	-1	...	1.0	...
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	320	...	6.8	2.7	...
223	179	Concentrity H	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	216	...	...	3.2	18.2
209	130	Cook (Wm)	198	...	5.0	3.2	...
220	183	Cookson	210	-1	...	3.6	27.8
66	38	Copymore	63	...	...	2.0	...
238	144	Crowell Fox 'A'	145½	...	5.7	4.9	12.4
178	101	[illegible]	101	-10	10.7	...	15.0
224	150	Creighton Nt	120	...	...	5.5	...
48	27	CrestaCare	42	-1	0.5	1.5	36.3
3631½	2913½	Dana	3550	-46½	...	...	...
905	314	Danks Bs Sys	900	-25	...	0.6	21.4
16	5	[illegible]	16	...	...	...	...
711	643	De La Rue	641	-1	...	3.2	17.0
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	15.7
513	331	Diploma	470	...	9.7	2.5	25.7
77	50	Dobson Park	72	...	5.7	...	13.2
169	92	Dyson (J&J)	169	+2	5.0	3.7	15.7
75	57	-do- A	75	+2	5.0	8.3	10.8
16½	9	EFG	13	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	406	+1	...	3.6	15.2
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9.8	...	...	...	...
26	19	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
45	19	Elecn	25	...	1.3	...	14.7
2230	1750	Electrolux B	1925	+50	...	2.9	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
474	394	Eng China Cl	414	-9	...	6.6	22.5
2667½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2567½	+17½	...	1.0	...
91	27	Erskine Hse	91	...	...	3.2	5.2
53	32	Eurocopy	40	...	1.6	...	17.7
87	47	Expamet	68	-6	3.7	8.6	...
668	400	Fairey Group	662	...	10.2	1.9	20.6
95	57	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	60	...	...	2.1	14.1
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	22	Ferrum	27	...	3.5	11.6	18.9
51	28	File Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	187	Firths	277	+1	...	6.2	21.5
53	29	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
256	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.5	...
76	56	French (Thmas)	72	...	3.6	6.5	30.1
218	166	Friel Group	200	...	4.0	2.5	5.4
85	71	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
459	434	GKN	455	+3	...	5.6	30.3
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.4	...
160	103	Gestetner	116	...	8.2	9.4	4.8
36	25	Gieves	26	...	...	...	18.8
801	544	Glaxo	553	-3	17.0	3.9	15.3
28½	16	Glenchewton	27½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	296	...	11.6	4.9	23.9
100	66	Goode Durrant	89	-2	5.4	7.6	18.9
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	...	5.5	5.5	21.9
427	341	Granada	407	-3	7.7	2.4	21.5
407	321	Great Sthern	395	...	...	3.5	18.2
96	75	Green (Ernst)	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
19½	5½	Greenacre	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	54	...	...	4.6	19.5
52	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
238	115	Hall Eng	229	-1	8.6	4.8	19.9
258	215	Halma	251	+1	2.6	1.3	...
49	30	Hampsn Ind	40	...	2.3	...	10.8
285½	222	Hanson	237	...	...	6.6	12.1
221	197	Harris (Philip)	211	...	6.8	4.1	...
187	147	Harrisn Crsfd	182	...	9.0	6.2	20.3
66	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	23	Hay (Norman)	36	+1	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.3
394	301	Hepworth	364	+8	14.8	5.1	15.7
226	160	Hewitt (J)	211	...	5.0	1.8	16.5
78	15	High-Point	73	...	1.3	...	...
152	112½	Hill & Smith	147	...	...	4.5	20.5
10½	6½	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
129	97	Holders Tech	129	...	...	5.9	16.7
49	30	Hopkinsons	43½	...	1.3	3.7	18.3
197	133	Hornby	133	...	...	3.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Grp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
82	54½	Howden	75	...	2.2	3.7	...
233	173	Hunting	224	...	...	5.6	19.9
430	269½	Huntleigh Tech	410	+2	...	1.8	...
295	247	IMI	273	+1	...	4.6	22.3
112	90	ISA Intl	111	...	1.5	1.7	22.3
206	173	Intercare Gp	173	...	...	1.9	18.2
255	235	[illegible]	243	...	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	380	Jardine Math	494	-11	...	2.4	18.7
537	425	Johnson Matth	456	-1	...	2.8	19.6
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
177	104	Johnston	158	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	22	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	24	...	0.7	3.2	...
68½	28	Kalamazoo	67	-½	2.1	4.0	...
178	73	Kalon	157	...	...	2.5	21.8
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535	...	27.0	6.3	27.8
168	75	Kleeneze	162	...	...	...	...
143	61	LGW	141	...	3.0	2.7	11.7
317½	266	Laird	314	+15	...	4.2	15.5
185	105	Lee (Arthur)	185	...	...	4.0	78.6
153	130	Lilleshall	150	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
153	97	Lincat	142	...	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	76	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
313	170	Linton Park	203	...	14.0	8.6	...
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	-½	0.2	1.9	...
20	15	Locker (T) A	19	-½	1.0	6.6	27.6
274	173	Lon Intl	188	+2	9.4	6.3	...
135	70	Lonrho	127½	-3½	...	4.0	...
347	269	Low & Bonar	345	+2	...	3.3	47.9
343	266	MB-Caradon	270	-1	...	3.9	21.6
169½	135	-do- pf	139½	-1½	7.2	6.5	...
30	14½	ML Hldgs	28½	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	2.5	7.9	...
50	39	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
190	168	Macfarlane	190	+1	...	2.1	21.5
439	379	McKechnie	432	...	14.7	4.3	21.4
106	85	McLeod Russel	90	+2	6.0	8.3	11.0
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	...	...	...	20.5
86	63	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
106	71	Mang Bronze	94	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	20½	Marling	20½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborne	166	...	...	3.8	13.5
54	29	Mayflower	52	...	...	3.0	43.4
236	191½	Medeva	224	-2	...	1.3	18.2
113	88	Meggitt	100	...	...	4.7	17.0
118	98	Metalrax	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Metoce	76	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	78	...	...	...	...
25	14	Mining & Alld	23½	...	...	...	...
488	368	Molins	461	...	...	4.4	...
345	282	Morgan Cble	294	+4	...	4.0	11.7
172	134	Morris Ashby	[illegible]	+4	3.6	3.2	...
31	18	Neepsend	[illegible]	...	...	5.8	22.2
60	34	Nestor-BNA	47	-2	1.3	3.5	...
191	122	Nobo Gp	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
167	122½	[illegible] Mac	50	...	0.1	0.2	...
51	35	[illegible] Intl	30½	...	1.7	7.4	...
413	...	PCT	125	...	...	7.3	14.2
...	38	Pacer Systems	38	...	...	4.6	...
...	105	Pentland	105	...	...	3.0	14.3
385	310	Photo-Me	373	...	4.4	1.5	19.0
137	97½	Pilkington	132	+2	...	3.8	...
79	66	Plansbrook	66	...	3.0	5.5	10.7
154	12½	Polypipe	136	...	1.9	1.8	19.6
42	19	Porter Chadbn	37	-3	1.2	4.3	...
9	4	Porth Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	339	...	...	2.4	17.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.4	8.9
54	33½	RPS Group	51	...	...	5.4	11.3
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	138	+2	...	0.9	40.2
799	636	Rank Org	767	+6	31.0	5.1	21.0
33	23	Ransomes	26	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	551	-20	...	3.7	20.0
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	...	4.9	3.2	23.3
309	275	Renishaw	275	...	6.5	3.0	21.6
76	55	Renold	76	...	1.0	1.5	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1394	-6	21.2	1.9	23.1
38	34½	Rexmore	37	...	1.7	5.9	9.2
123	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	58	Richard (Leics)	60	...	4.4	9.3	...
83	63	Richardson West	78	...	3.0	4.8	20.0
128	109	Ropner	116	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
171	131½	Rotork	165	...	...	2.8	21.8
168	100	Rubicon	168	...	...	3.3	...
65	43	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
29	15	SEP Intl	25	-1	...	3.6	22.6
937½	625	SKF 'B'	897½	-50	...	...	...
45	39	Saville Grdn	41½	...	2.2	8.2	17.6
248	208	Scapa	211	-½	...	3.2	16.5
238	102	Scholl	212	...	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	963	...	2.6	0.3	36.6
668	562	-do- 'A'	644	-1	2.6	0.5	24.5
565	465	Security Serv	545	...	5.0	1.2	26.9
111	77	Senior Eng	108½	...	...	2.6	16.2
367	306	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	2.2	19.6
66	42	[illegible]	57	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1	2.4	2.9	17.7
76	274	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2	10.3	2.9	14.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Siebe	460	-3	...	2.6	17.6
236	225	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	3.0	19.3
124	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	3.2	13.5
142	22	Simon Eng	44	-4	5.0	4.2	10.1
256	164	[illegible]	166	...	7.6	4.5	12.5
47	26	[illegible]	27	...	2.6	5.4	...
164	[illegible]	Smith & Neph	143	+1	...	4.0	14.2
517	374	Smiths Inds	424	...	6.6	2.5	15.3
452	247	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2	...	3.5	13.6
394	325	[illegible]	394	-3	11.2	3.9	14.9
[illegible]	56	[illegible]	65	...	7.3	6.5	6.1
440	366	[illegible]	430	-2	...	2.0	17.8
557	381	[illegible]	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
352	254	[illegible]	344	+1	...	3.4	21.5
145	66	Spring Ram	51	-4	...	0.9	14.0
273	221	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	4.5	13.4
152	95	Stirling Inc	149	...	...	4.7	22.9
25	[illegible]	[illegible]	24½	...	...	...	...
168	87	Suter	165	...	8.8	6.5	17.6
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	235	-4	...	2.7	...
7	5	Sycamore	5	...	...	...	...
78	53	[illegible]	67	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	272	...	9.4	4.3	...
393	279	TI	372	-8	...	4.0	18.4
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
307	216	TT Group	273	...	6.0	2.6	17.4
246	225	[illegible]	240	...	1.8	0.9	19.9
625	516	[illegible]	603	-11	...	0.6	21.3
50	24	[illegible]	50	...	...	...	...
109	77	[illegible]	109	...	...	6.0	12.7
252	150	[illegible]	232	...	...	2.2	17.6
231	212½	[illegible]	221	+2	...	3.7	19.2
[illegible]	67	[illegible]	101	...	...	4.0	7.4
112	65	-do- 'A'	101	...	...	4.0	7.4
579	346	[illegible]	529	...	16.0	3.8	11.3
190	152	[illegible]	175	+1	7.0	5.1	...
255	222	[illegible]	228	...	5.6	3.0	19.6
235	275½	[illegible]	235	...	...	6.4	10.0
71	[illegible]	[illegible]	56	-1	...	...	...
1249	947	Unilever	953	-28	21.5	2.8	13.0
8112	6625	Unilever NV	6612½	-350	...	3.3	9.6
868	517	VSEL	840	-14	...	4.3	9.0
...	6½	[illegible]	8½	...	...	...	...
154	95	Vickers	145	...	...	1.3	...
267	240	[illegible]	250	...	...	3.9	12.3
362	285	[illegible]	352	...	...	2.5	17.8
604	427	[illegible]	584	-8	...	3.4	14.7
49	4	[illegible]	45	...	...	7.4	12.0
468	366	[illegible]	366	+2	17.3	5.6	...
86	71	[illegible]	70	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
259	221	[illegible]	235	...	2.5	1.3	24.0
36	25	[illegible]	34	...	...	...	...
357	25	[illegible]	325	+6	...	2.3	18.3
693	545	[illegible]	654	+2	13.0	2.5	18.1
28	20	[illegible]	21½	...	0.9	5.2	...
300	250	[illegible]	295	-2	...	1.6	18.9
555	448	[illegible]	505	...	9.5	2.4	17.1
357	335	[illegible]	334	...	...	3.0	15.0
67	35	[illegible]	57	...	...	...	...
4½	...	[illegible]	...	...	...	...	...
95	44	[illegible]	55	...	3.5	5.0	25.7
369	295	[illegible]	330	+2	12.5	4.9	16.7
37½	17	[illegible]	37	-½	0.5	2.1	...
66	53	[illegible]	61	-1	12.5	2.6	21.2
150	128	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
66	35	[illegible]	40	-2	1.0	3.2	...
59	35	Young (H)	57	...	3.0	6.6	20.9
INSURANCE							
1993	1542½	Alex & Alex	1793½	-43½	...	3.5	...
2275	1757½	Am Gen	2050	-37½	...	3.4	...
47	30	[illegible] (AJ)	39	...	...	4.4	19.0
148	115	Bradstock	138	...	5.1	4.7	16.6
449	395½	Britannic	496	...	...	3.0	...
641	556	Com Union	619	+4	...	4.9	...
1570	1225	Dow & Gen	1563	...	...	1.4	25.8
30	18	FAI	30	...	...	...	...
626	546	Gen Accident	624	+2	26.7	5.4	...
206	160	GRE	202	...	7.0	4.3	16.8
370	293	Heath C E	352	...	...	5.7	...
229	189	Hogg Gp	215	...	8.1	4.7	19.5
218	164	JIB Group	210	+1	7.5	4.5	21.3
503	404½	Legal & Gen	503	+5	...	4.7	30.6
1026	768	Liberty Life	967	-17	...	3.0	10.8
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	439	+2	17.3	4.9	15.6
321	253	Lloyd Thomp	305	-6	5.6	2.2	23.2
369	274	London & Man	342	-1	14.2	5.2	25.2
409	321	Lowndes Lmb	409	+4	13.5	4.2	...
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5762½	-75	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	80	+2	...	7.3	...
68	50	PWS	64	...	4.0	7.8	9.3
344	282½	Prudential	342	+3	...	4.3	22.7
1138	800	Refuge	1028	...	31.5	3.8	28.5
321	248	Royal	321	+2	...	2.5	...
202	153	Sedgwick	194	...	6.0	3.9	...
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	...	...	...	...
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	-1	...	5.2	26.7
376	307	Sun Alliance	372	-4½	...	2.6	30.7
61	30	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	3.8	46.8
288	239	Transatlantic	288	...	...	...	13.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	...	...	...	...	...
334	171	Willis Corroon	...	...	...	...	...
20	13	Windsor	...	...	...	...	...
INVESTMENT TRUSTS							
...	...	Alliance	1671	-1	45.0	3.4	36.6
...	...	Amer Trust	242	...	4.9	2.5	50.2
...	...	Ang & O'seas	359	...	6.6	2.4	45.6
139	...	BZW Conv	133	-2½	7.8	7.3	15.6
163	...	Bankers	161½	...	3.4	2.7	44.1
255	...	Baring Tribune	284	...	6.4	2.8	44.9
175	131	Berry Starq	174	...	2.2	1.6	56.0
...	...	Br Assets	107	-½	...	5.3	24.6
74	57	Br Empire Sec	73½	...	0.8	1.5	74.6
34	14	-do- Wrts	26	...	...	...	...
...	156	Br Inv	162	-1	4.5	3.4	37.6
164	150	Contl Asset	164	...	2.4	1.6	54.6
155	146	Derby Inc	153	...	16.6	13.6	9.2
250	245	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Stre	64	...	8.4	10.4	7.1
76	...	-do- Eng Intl	70	...	1.2	2.1	...
...	...	-do- Far East	118	+1	0.6	0.7	...
132	...	-do- Kona	119	+1	0.5	0.5	...
631	...	Dunedin Inc G	58	...	25.4	5.4	27.0
611	...	-do- Wwde	608	...	9.5	2.0	62.6
270	...	Dundee & Lon	26	...	...	4.2	24.6
...	...	Edinburgh	272	...	8.4	3.9	29.8
...	...	Electra Inv	258	...	6.7	3.2	35.2
...	...	Elect Gen	168	...	3.1	2.3	...
...	...	English Scot	51	...	...	...	...
258	205	European Assets	257	...	...	2.0	31.3
106	...	Fleming Amer 'A'	106	...	3.0	3.5	34.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	269	-1	0.7	0.3	...
...	...	-do- Claver	201	...	...	3.3	39.6
...	...	-do- Cont	267	...	2.7	1.3	...
...	...	-do- Emrg	162	...	4.5	3.3	40.9
301	...	-do- Far East	295	+1	1.1	0.5	...
...	...	-do- Fledg	300	...	3.0	1.1	...
119	...	-do- H Inc	96	...	...	5.7	16.4
...	...	-do- Japan	239	+4	0.5	0.2	...
...	...	-do- Merc	259	-1	6.7	3.2	55.4
...	...	-do- Overs	254	-1	4.0	2.0	60.6
...	...	Foreign & Col	237	...	3.5	1.6	62.9
...	...	-do- Eurotr	192	...	1.2	0.8	...
...	...	-do- German	105	-1	0.5	0.6	...
...	...	-do- Pacific	277	-1	1.9	0.9	...
...	...	-do- Smaller	190	...	1.8	1.5	75.8
233	185	GT Japan	228	+2	...	0.6	...
...	...	Gen Cons Cap	131	...	...	...	...
...	...	-do- Inc	110	...	...	9.6	11.4
...	115	Govett Am Smlr	126	-1	...	...	...
...	...	-do- Oriental	272	...	0.8	0.4	...
...	...	-do- Strategy	252	-1	...	3.3	34.8
...	...	Greenfriar	373	+2	6.3	2.1	56.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
...	...	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
...	...	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	4.9	26.2
...	...	[illegible] US Smlls	94	-1	2.8	3.7	26.2
185	...	Kleinwort Chrt	176	...	5.0	3.6	34.3
...	...	-do- O'seas	207	...	3.3	2.0	58.8
...	...	-do- Smlr	124	...	4.0	4.0	30.1
...	...	Law Debenture	604	...	16.2	3.8	30.2
175	164	Malville	175	...	...	3.4	27.9
249	221	Merchants	236	...	10.6	5.6	21.9
5707½	...	Merrill Lynch	5602½	-121½	...	...	...
460	...	Monks Inv Tst	450	...	...	1.4	54.0
126	...	Mun Grth Inc	121	...	...	4.8	24.0
...	...	De Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	...
1½	...	-do- Wts	...	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Incme	309	...	...	4.3	24.6
310	285	-do- Intl	299	...	1.4	4.6	27.0
324	283	-do- Small	323	...	4.0	1.6	69.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
101	73	-do- S/C Cap	101	...	...	...	...
3160	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2960	...	...	4.5	...
142½	142½	-do- S C Dv	144	...	...	...	...
271	233	-do- Ventr	271	+2	...	4.8	21.4
78	56½	New Frontier	77	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	65	Northrop Inc	76	...	6.7	...	14.3
301	240	[illegible]	291	+2	2.6	1.2	...
388	265	Pacific Assets	370	+1	1.1	0.4	...
291	162	Do Warrants	272	+1	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	49.2
152	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	151	...	1.1	1.0	...
123	106	River & Merc	112	...	9.2	10.3	11.2
398	350	Robeco	395	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	395	...	...	2.1	...
255	214	St Andrew Inv	253	+5	7.5	3.7	34.3
145½	131	Scot American	145	-½	4.3	3.8	30.7
209	136	Scot Asian	198	...	...	...	...
435	225	do Warrants	415	...	...	...	...
75	67½	-do- Eastern	71½	...	1.5	2.7	47.0
205	183	Scottish	203	...	4.6	2.8	42.1
201	176	-do- Mtge	193	...	4.6	2.8	50.1
84	77	-do- Value	84	...	...	2.7	59.6
1505	1390	Second Allnce	1480	...	36.5	3.1	39.8
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	82	...	3.2	5.0	27.1
137	109½	Selective Asset	136	...	1.2	1.1	48.9
25½	14	Sphere Inv	25½	...	3.1	15.7	8.0
145	112	TR Far East	140	+1	4.5	4.0	30.7
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	139	...	4.7	4.3	27.2
154	110	TR Pacific	142	...	0.2	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Property	26	...	0.6	4.3	27.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	68	...	1.7	3.2	...
182	146	TR Smlr Cos	176	...	3.7	2.6	52.1
315	295	Temple Bar	306	-1	13.2	5.4	23.1
91	69	Thrmtn Asian E	87	-1	0.5	0.7	...
72	54	Throgmorton	70	...	3.3	4.1	29.6
483	363	Throg Dual Cp	463	...	...	...	...
205	178	USDC Invest	205	...	4.5	2.7	37.2
106	76	Value Inc Tst	103	...	5.6	4.6	25.9
608	542	Wittbread Inv	593	...	16.5	3.5	35.7
199	181	Wigan	193	...	5.6	3.6	23.8
LEISURE							
346	269	Airtours	342	+3	7.2	2.5	12.1
64	42	Ald Leis	63	-1	4.7	...	18.1
357	194	Anglia TV	318	...	...	3.6	14.7
103	62	Baldwin	63	...	3.6	6.0	5.6
244	192	Barr & W 'A'	219	...	10.0	5.7	14.1
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	141	-2	...	3.0	...
16½	4	Brent Walker	8½	...	...	...	...
58	46	Bristol Scots	50	...	...	...	...
6	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	113	...	...	13.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	186	-1	5.2	3.6	21.4
818	719	Carlton Comm	756	-6	17.0	2.5	22.1
200	158	Castle Commu	176	-3	...	0.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1960	-8	36.0	2.4	21.3
83	61	Chrysalis	69	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	505	+1	...	3.2	15.1
350	174	Eurocamp	183	...	9.7	6.7	7.6
1100	623	Euro Disney	638	...	...	1.9	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	30	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	264	...	10.5	4.9	...
376	320	First Leisure	334	...	6.1	2.3	23.0
515	298	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	30.0
229	149	Grampian	224	...	6.1	3.4	15.5
6	4½	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	54	-1	...	...	24.0
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42	-1	...	6.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	465	-9	...	1.4	30.6
475	322	Man Utd	434	...	18.0	5.3	14.6
148	60	Owners Abrd	69	-3	3.5	6.5	5.4
66	35	The Pelican Gp	65	...	...	2.2	...
150	55	Prism Leisure	150	+10	...	2.8	...
28	16	Quadrant Grp	22	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	295	+15	...	...	25.1
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	166	...	...	3.4	22.0
557	431	Scot TV	524	...	9.9	2.4	25.8
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
225	168	Stanley Leisure	221	...	4.3	2.5	...
10	5	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
430	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	...
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	98	...	...	...	3.2
76	44	Trans Worlds	58	...	...	1.7	21.2
481	274	Ulster TV	464	...	10.0	2.7	14.2
101	62	Vardon	100	...	0.7	0.9	23.6
22	13	Wembley	16	...	0.2	1.6	...
36	7½	Whitegate	33	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	195	-1	12.0	7.7	5.9
113	83	Zenera Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	11.4
MINING							
5300	1800	Am Gold	5062½	+62½	...	4.1	24.4
1562½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1537½	-25	...	6.0	...
2150	1125	Ang Am	2150	+100	...	3.3	...
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	24½	-1	...	...	...
125	33	Blyvoors	115	+4	...	5.3	6.3
46	18	Bracken	39	...	...	...	2.3
871	233	Buffels	757	-6	...	5.2	18.8
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	627	-7	...	3.3	...
43½	11	Cluff Res	40	-1	...	...	...
1262½	762½	De Beers	1206½	+12½	...	4.0	16.3
157	37½	Deelkraal	150	+6	...	4.0	8.2
96	7	Doornfontein	77	+7	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	841	+2	...	4.0	15.4
709	120	Durban	682	+11	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	180	+4	...	6.4	5.1
180	62	E Daggs	173	+9	...	...	14.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	250	+4	...	...	...
532	117	Elandsrand	512	+4	...	2.4	12.0
838	292	FS Cons	791	+7	...	6.4	9.4
50	6	FS Dev	50	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1613	+50	...	2.5	25.4
177	125	Gencor	177	+7	...	3.6	13.7
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	59½	-1	...	2.3	14.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	173	+2	...	5.9	10.3
360	78	Harmony	336	+4	...	...	...
414	87	Harties	373	+11	...	5.2	...
14	8½	[illegible]	12	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	1006	...	...	...	22.7
13½	6	Kenmare Res	12	...	...	...	...
960	332	Kinross	932	+10	...	5.4	10.2
913	319	Kloof	832	-6	...	2.2	14.0
135	25	Leslie	119	...	...	3.5	12.0
173	13	Loraine	173	+15	...	...	...
116½	81½	MIM	92½	-2½	...	2.5	42.1
1252	680	Minorco	1252	+118	...	3.0	14.9
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	135½	-1	...	3.7	...
2150	610	Orange Free	2050	+50	...	6.4	15.7
720	607	RTZ	670	-10	...	3.9	25.2
609½	425	Rand Mines	609½	...	...	9.7	2.7
629	150	Randfontein	608	+21	...	4.9	...
192	115	Renison	174	...	...	2.6	...
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1150	-50	...	3.0	...
585	191	St Helena	533	+9	...	4.8	16.3
1825	475	Southvaal	1739	-17	...	4.4	8.6
109	18	Stilfontein	103	...	...	6.4	15.6
201	58	Unisel	164	+6	...	2.6	...
5287½	1800	Vaal Reefs	[illegible]	+49½	...	2.8	10.2
559	154	Welkom	[illegible]	-3	...	...	...
285	26	Western	[illegible]	-10	...	1.1	7.6
2437½	587½	Wes Copper	63	-1	...	...	...
274	17	Zandpan	63	-3	...	1.1	...
MOTORS, AIRCRAFT							
253	233	Abbey Panels	253	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	118	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
133	82	Appleyard	132	...	5.2	4.9	...
280	203	Blechley Mtr	265	...	...	4.2	13.5
152	130	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
424	165	Br Aerospace	420	-7	7.0	2.1	...
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.4	66.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	140	...	...	3.6	35.6
25	18	Cook (DC)	25	...	...	...	...
255	156	Cowie (T)	242	...	6.2	3.2	18.4
110	86	Dag Motors	104	...	5.7	6.9	18.8
142	102½	Dawnay Vern	139	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	260	+10	2.0	1.0	...
127	92	European Mtr	127	...	3.5	3.5	...
329	208	Evans Halshw	326	...	11.2	4.3	50.2
290	226	FR Group	262	...	...	3.4	12.2
3650	2943½	Ford Motor	3387½	-6½	...	...	...
3212½	2143½	General Mtr	3137½	-25	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	64	...	2.0	3.9	...
193	85	Henlys	187	...	3.0	2.0	...
675	650	Honda Motor	[illegible]	-31	...	0.7	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
106	68	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	143	...	...	2.9	25.5
395	281	Lex Service	385	...	...	3.4	21.0
156	65	Lookers	154	...	6.2	5.4	...
152	126	Lucas	147½	-1½	7.0	5.9	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	106	Perry Gp	190	...	6.0	3.9	...
166	108	Quicks Group	163	...	...	3.5	20.8
153	99	Rolls-Royce	141	-3	...	4.4	...
198	164	T & N	186	-1	...	2.3	29.8
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	189	...	...	3.7	...
151	125	Vardy (Reg)	150	...	4.2	3.6	...
230	121	Westland	230	...	4.2	2.3	28.3
NEWS, PUBLISHERS							
144	103	Adscene	140	...	4.0	3.6	14.9
340	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	...
608	423	Blenheim Gp	444	-1	...	2.5	16.5
370	255	Bristol	340	-4	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9650	-250	13.0	1.7	21.7
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9650	-250	13.0	1.7	21.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	297	...	...	1.3	28.4
373	328	EMAP	347	-5	...	2.8	21.4
1113	673	Euromoney Pb	1053	...	29.5	3.5	23.7
237	170	Harrington K	214	...	4.5	2.6	17.5
378	233	Haynes Pub	378	...	6.0	2.0	16.3
355	347	Hodder H'tne	349	...	5.0	1.6	29.7
140	105	Home Counts	115	...	6.0	6.5	...
12½	3	Intl Bus Comm	12	+1½	...	...	17.4
6	6½	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
350	240	Independent	350	...	...	3.6	15.7
551	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
298	243	Metal Bulletin	294	...	8.0	3.5	20.1
167	88	Mirror Gp	148	+3	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	309	+2	...	0.3	24.8
240	169	News Ind	215	+3	...	0.6	14.9
483	356	Pearson	442	-18	...	3.4	26.9
675	510	Portsmth Sund	645	-5	...	1.8	17.8
686	618	Reed Intl	663	-12	...	3.3	26.4
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	26.8
162	90	Sterling Pubs	161	+2	...	2.4	17.5
401	326	Telegraph	398	-5	...	3.5	16.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	805	...	25.4	4.0	...
377	313	Trinity Intl	[illegible]	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
39	24	[illegible]	30	...	...	...	...
503½	480	Utd Nwspapers	516	-5	...	5.2	15.3
OILS, GAS							
35½	17	Aran Energy	29½	-½	...	...	29.7
61	40	Arcon Intl	47	-1	...	...	...
69	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	61	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	82	+9	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	+½	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	164	...	7.1	5.4	5.0
320	276	British Gas	290½	-½	14.2	6.1	14.0
323	225	Br Petroleum	298½	-½	10.5	4.4	47.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	713	...	...	4.4	16.6
65	32	Cairn Energy	57½	-1½	...	...	8.2
268	223	Calor Gp	238	...	...	6.3	19.8
60½	37½	Clyde Pet	47	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	29	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	449	+2	16.0	4.5	56.4
85	44	Exp Co Louis	44	-5	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	22	...	...	2.5	6.4
67	45	[illegible] Pet	58	...	1.4	3.0	11.1
44	18	Gt Western Res	41	-2	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	145	...	...	0.9	13.5
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	-1	...	...	...
196	141	LASMO	146	-4	3.3	2.8	29.6
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	13	Mid Scot Res	14½	+½	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	43½	...	...	...	70.5
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	24	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
14½	11	Petrox	12½	...	...	...	...
126	96	Pict Pet	125	...	...	...	17.4
29½	16	Premier	24½	...	...	...	4.0
115	90	Presidn	115	...	...	5.0	...
393	290	Ranger	333	-2	...	4.8	...
6350	5150	Royal Dutch Ft	6037½	-62½	...	5.3	14.1
4500	3005	Schlumberger	4287½	-12½	...	1.6	...
62	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
637	515	Shell	616½	+2½	21.9	4.4	19.0
253	179	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
13½	6½	Villiers Grp	12½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	155	+3	...	2.3	...
PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG							
331	249	API	313	...	7.5	3.0	27.3
196	144	Arjo Wiggins	[illegible]	...	...	4.8	16.5
515	408	Abbott Mead	516	...	9.2	2.3	25.5
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Argis Gp	30	-1	...	5.7	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Designs	13	...	...	...	...
371	234	Bemrose	370	...	...	4.0	15.1
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	128	...	4.0	3.4	19.3
287	257	CIA Gp	279	...	...	1.9	17.6
222	93	Capital Inds	219	-2	...	1.8	20.1
63	46	Cit Of Lone	63	...	...	6.9	...
236	169	Cropper (Jmes)	235	-1	3.1	1.7	...
...	6	Crown Comm	...	...	...	...	...
92	5½	Delyn Pckaging	16	...	1.6	2.4	11.5
117	96	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	26.4
56	42	Ducley Jenkins	54	...	...	...	13.3
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	...	0.3	2.4	...
73	41	Fairway Group	62	-2	...	6.4	16.3
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	...	12.5	5.0	...
109	92	Ferry Pick	105	-3	...	6.7	26.3
124	74	Flexitex	116	-1	...	1.4	14.9
20	14	[illegible]	14	...	...	...	...
107	69	Gibbon Lyons	104	...	...	6.2	...
295	247	Gold Greenlees	289	...	5.3	3.7	...
41	25	Goodhead	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
48	43	Hunterprint	46	...	...	...	...
175	136	Intereurope	175	...	7.4	5.3	11.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	248	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	29	-1	...	...	...
264	175	More O'Ferrall	264	...	13.2	6.5	39.7
103	94	NMC Group	101	...	2.0	2.5	...
130	66	Osborne & Little	129	...	...	4.5	14.2
717	455	Portals	461	+3	...	3.9	15.8
360	167	Quarto	360	...	5.3	2.4	15.2
347	298	St Ives Gp	[illegible]	-1	5.2	2.2	20.3
195½	142½	Saatchi	162	-1	...	...	...
474	373	Sappi	459	-6	...	8.0	9.4
20	11½	[illegible]	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	28½	...	...	...	...
363	294	Smith David	361	...	9.5	3.3	16.6
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	225	+1	...	3.5	14.0
58	45	Somic	58	...	1.5	3.2	...
246	183	Sta-Plas	232	...	8.0	4.3	38.7
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.5	1.5	21.2
66	38	[illegible]	65	...	...	1.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	87	-2	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	144	...	...	2.6	...
230	203	Waddington (J)	228	-2	...	4.3	[illegible]
735	540	Watmough	723	...	11.5	2.0	26.4
...	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	...
24	12	Whinney Macke	26	...	...	...	...
67	55	Wood (SW)	75	...	...	2.1	16.1
PROPERTY							
77	41	Allied Lon	73	...	3.5	6.0	...
63	56	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
90	52	Asda	87	+1½	...	3.6	9.2
139	88	Avonside	132	+1	4.0	3.8	18.5
207½	206½	BCE	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	579	-3	18.9	4.1	20.9
74	25	Bourne End	69	...	1.0	1.8	...
214	150	Bradford	214	+1	5.4	3.2	21.7
23	5	Brodero	5½	...	...	...	...
341	166½	Br Land	341	+4	...	2.6	31.1
206	140½	Brixton	202	+2	...	3.2	16.0
72½	42	Burford	67	...	...	2.1	...
156	99	Cap & Regnla	153	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
375	196	Chesterfield	373	...	11.0	3.7	26.7
33	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
33	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
40½	10	Clayform	37	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Rhtas GS	45	...	...	...	...
1145	818	Daejan	1140	+2	22.0	3.0	...
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	84	+1	3.0	4.6	...
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	[illegible]	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	458	...	8.6	2.3	57.1
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	+10	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	171	+1	4.5	3.4	...
27½	11	Five Oaks	27½	...	...	...	...
60	30	Fletcher King	59	...	1.0	2.1	...
387½	276½	Frogmore	384	+5	...	4.9	22.3
200	97	Grainger	195	...	5.2	3.4	43.6
199	116½	Gr Portland	177	+4	...	7.1	16.9
...	7½	Greycoat	19½	+2	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	139	+1	...	4.7	...
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	60	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	337	+3	10.0	3.7	34.1
663	245	-do- 'A'	307	+2	10.0	4.1	31.1
236	127	Helical Bar	236	...	...	4.3	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	66	...	3.7	7.1	...
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
601	435	Land Sec	598	+12	22.8	4.8	18.0
99	73	Lon Merch Sec	92	...	3.8	5.2	14.6
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	440	+6	...	5.7	18.9
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	110	...	6.7	...	18.1
7½	3	Markheath	5½	-1½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	39	-1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	39	...	...	...	...
1200	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	...
145	112	Muckiow (A&J)	145	+1	5.9	5.1	20.4
46	30	Olives Prop	35	...	1.5	5.4	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4	...	0.1	...	1.2
131	89	PSIT	122	...	3.7	3.8	24.3
237	139	Peel	237	-1	4.0	2.2	...
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	34	+4	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	14½	-1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	...	...	...
37	16	St Modwen Prop	32½	...	...	...	...
70	39	Savills	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	77	+7	...	4.5	15.7
96	39	Shaftesbury	87	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
15½	5	Shield	13	...	...	...	...
225	139½	Slough	172	-2	2.1	1.5	60.8
...	...	Town Centre	108	...	3.1	3.6	20.2
28	...	Trafford Park	69	...	2.5	4.7	18.6
...	29	UK Land	30	...	...	...	...
4½	4	Union Square	5½	...	...	...	...
203	180	Warner	216	...	10.5	6.1	19.7
202	168	Warnford	193	...	7.5	5.0	...
8	2½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	62	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D	66	+1	...	...	...
SHOES, LEATHER							
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	2.2	33.1
157	86	Headlam	150	-3	...	3.2	...
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	8.4
100	57	Pittards	57	-1	2.0	4.4	16.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
170	89	Stylo	170	...	...	2.2	63.9
55	53	UK Safety	53	...	...	23.8	1.7
TEXTILES							
501	408	Allied Text	501	+2	12.6	3.1	16.1
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
165	141	Br Mohair	165	+3	8.5	6.4	...
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	321	-1	7.2	2.8	30.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	537	-2	13.6	3.2	14.7
57½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	205	...	...	5.5	15.6
33	22	Drummond	31	-1	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	30	...	...	...	...
72	65	[illegible]	69	...	...	8.9	...
34	15	Foster (John)	18	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
188	156	Hicking Pntcst	186	+1	4.0	2.7	...
59	45	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	343	-2	12.0	4.4	22.7
506	353½	Leeds	475	...	...	1.9	22.4
42	15	Lister	34	...	0.1	0.4	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	85	-2	4.9	7.2	9.6
180	89	Magellan	160	...	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	158	+3	2.0	1.6	...
102½	82	Readicut	92	-½	...	4.7	17.3
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	71	...	1.8	3.3	...
51	37	Stoddard	39	...	...	4.8	36.3
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	-1	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	40	...	...	7.8	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	197	...	...	3.3	12.9
TOBACCOS							
507	407	BAT	418	+2	...	5.6	15.7
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	669	+7	11.5	2.1	13.3
TRANSPORT							
441	349	Assoc Br Ports	409	+5	...	2.6	...
813	707	BAA	727	+10	...	2.8	19.1
313	249	Br Airways	304	...	...	4.4	16.6
106	56	Clarkson (H)	80	...	1.5	2.3	...
33	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	406	+3	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.8	...
196	147	JoM Steam	196	...	...	5.1	10.3
34	24	Jacobs (J)	28	-1	0.5	2.2	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	82	...	...	1.5	16.0
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	[illegible]	...	4.5	0.3	11.7
340	280	Mersey Docks	341	...	7.5	2.7	21.5
216	161	Natl Express	216	...	...	4.1	15.5
284	238	NFC	244	...	6.5	3.4	18.4
302	244	Ocean Group	285	...	...	6.3	23.7
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	3.0	6.5	10.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	618	-2	...	6.2	33.5
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.6	...
555	468	Powell Duffryn	543	+3	...	5.2	21.0
141	117	Seacon	141	...	...	4.5	6.9
139	112	Stagecoach	135	...	...	3.5	17.3
43	34	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
59½	31½	TNT	58½	-1	...	...	...
756	624	Tibbet & Britn	697	...	11.8	2.1	26.6
382	173	Tiphook	259	-27	19.3	9.9	...
298	227	TDG	240	+5	9.5	4.9	...
WATER							
553	455	Anglian Water	491	+1	...	5.5	9.7
652	547	Northumbrian	570	-3	...	4.9	6.1
537	431½	North West	478	...	...	5.6	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	479	-1	...	5.5	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	488	+2	...	5.5	7.6
1385	1225	Sth Staffs	1385	+10	47.0	4.2	...
569	465	South West	520	-1	...	5.7	8.5
563	454	Thames Water	490	-1	...	5.4	9.6
612	506	Welsh Water	553	-7	21.4	4.8	6.4
659	536	Wessex Water	580	...	...	4.6	9.1
593	473½	Yorkshire W	499	+2	...	5.3	6.5

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
100½	99¾	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.74
106	101½	Treas 13½% 1993	102	...	13.37	5.60
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	-¼	8.27	5.62
109½	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.75	5.58
109½	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.73	5.54
105½	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.63	5.59
110½	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.64	5.58
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.70
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.02	5.77
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.11	4.83
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.48	5.02
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	+	11.16	6.04
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.87	6.16
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	+	12.44	6.28
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.26	6.37
111	106	Conv 10% 1996	110	+	9.05	6.43
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	11.00	6.54
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+	9.35	6.59
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.14	6.61
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	129	+	11.57	6.88
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.76	6.79
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.09	6.65
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.53	6.66
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	+	10.99	7.20
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	136	+	11.36	7.26
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.91	7.15
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.54	6.97
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+	9.90	7.22
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+	9.05	7.08
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.87	7.15
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.19	7.09
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.02	7.47
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	114	+	8.72	7.42
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	114	+	8.43	7.53
104	97	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.69	7.40
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	116	+	8.55	7.56
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	+	9.45	7.68
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	+	4.67	6.76
113	105	Conv 9½% 2004	113	+	8.38	7.65
113	105	Conv 9¼% 2005	113	+	8.37	7.72
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131	+	9.48	7.91
102	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	102	+	7.81	7.73
125	118	TreaN 11¾% 2003-07	125	+	9.36	7.88
105	97	Treas 8½% 2007	105	+	8.02	7.79
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139	+	9.68	7.93
LONGS (over 15 years)						
110	101	Treas 9% 2008	110	+	8.17	7.83
101	92	Treas 8% 2009	101	+	7.85	7.87
110	100	Conv 9% 2011	110	+	8.17	7.92
110	100	Treas 9% 2012	110	+	8.16	7.94
78	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	+	7.02	7.68
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97	+	7.92	7.96
100	93	Treas 8% 2013	100	+	7.96	7.96
137	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	137	+	8.71	8.17
107	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	107	+	8.10	8.00
UNDATED						
43	38	War Ln 3½%	43	+	8.08	...
31	27	Treas 2½%	31	+	7.94	...
INDEX-LINKED						
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	3.19
198	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	...	1.98	2.75
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	...	2.33	2.91
167	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	...	2.90	3.14
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	...	2.95	3.23
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111	...	3.01	3.25
171	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	171	...	3.07	3.29
155	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	155	...	3.23	3.42
160	149	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160	...	3.28	3.45
132	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	132	...	3.32	3.48
140	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	...	3.40	3.56
135	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	135	...	3.44	3.57
112	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	112	...	3.45	3.57
117	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	...	3.44	3.56

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; * Ex rights issue; ∘ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

ACCOUNTANCY

Sharing performance pointers

Alec Reed offers some novel suggestions for improving the content of company reports

THE Accounting Standards Board's statement, *Operating and Financial Review*, urges companies to make their annual report and accounts a basis on which users can make informed investment decisions. It recommends, in particular, a discussion of company performance and explanations of factors likely to affect the future results of the organisation.

The ASB has definitely made a move in the right direction, but the most important number that influences investment decisions is still woefully neglected in the annual accounts — how much money investors or potential investors might make on their shares.

While appreciating the need for a standardised and consistent core of statutory financial information in the annual accounts, companies must realise that shareholders are much more likely to look at a colour graph analysing the company's share price movement over the past five, ten or 20 years, than look at a statutory note on deferred taxation.

Would it be helpful for companies to outline forecasts and recommendations from four stockbrokers? This information could be given in the form of highs and lows, rather like pension providers complying with Lautro regulations when recommending pensions. Shareholders and potential investors would then have more substantial information about future performance than the bullish comments or warning shots fired from a chairman's statement, which are open to more subjective interpretation.

The 1992 Reed Executive report, for instance, included an analysis of our share price over the past 20 years — comparing its movement to the FT all-share index and the retail price index. With the availability of Datastream, there is no end to the comparisons one can make between share prices and indices. Perhaps companies could also compare their share price movement with that of recognised competitors or blue chip companies over the same period. Imagine how impressive it would be if a company's shares were actually outperforming those of, say, Marks and Spencer or ICI. Another useful piece of information for shareholders would be the calculation of their profit and estimated capital gains tax liability should they decide to sell their shares. Further information on the company that would also make an interesting read could include: the average number of shares per shareholder; details of the spread of the shares; the size of deals; missed dividends and votes against resolutions. Perhaps companies should also be required to show a table of their extraordinary and exceptional items over the past ten years?

Setting an example: Alec Reed wants more open advice

Other current issues, in addition to the perennial interest in share price, that could be considered are: how green is the organisation?; how much business does the company do with organisations involved in activities such as armaments, tobacco production, blood sports, and factory farming?; what proportion of the workforce are from ethnic minorities or the profile between male and female employees with respect to senior employees' earnings.

The annual financial statements provide an excellent chance to communicate with shareholders, prospective investors and, most importantly for quoted companies, with the City. Why then do so many companies pass up this excellent opportunity?

Apart from a glance at a few favourite pages, I suspect that accounts remain widely unread by those who receive them. The City has already discounted the results into the share price before the release of the accounts and by the time the final audited accounts are produced, we are usually six months through the next year and so their use is extremely limited. There is a much greater scope for the annual audited accounts to be a more informative document by introducing innovative new ideas, while maintaining the statutory core of information.

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Simple message of a famous man

YOU would have to have been quite a person for the deputy chairman of the Inland Revenue to turn up at your memorial service and give the reading from Ecclesiasticus which starts: "Let us now praise famous men". But Philip Hardman, whose life was thus celebrated on Monday, was an extraordinary person. Hardman, who died in January, had been head of tax at Grant Thornton. He was a mainstay of the English ICA's tax committees and had been instrumental in setting up its tax faculty. He was also a much-loved broadcaster, unravelling tax technicalities in a clear Lancastrian way on Budget days.

The real point about his work was that he understood the wider context and the need to always strive for reform. Tax experts are invariably bright and technically adroit. But a depressing number have never progressed any further. For them, the secret world they inhabit is enough. It is a playing of a game, a shifting of schedules and a wriggling through regulations. They revel in the mass of arcane case law. They provide their clients with great savings and are well paid for it. But that is not, as Hardman's career showed, enough.

Peter Wyman, current chairman of the institute's tax faculty, argued that Hardman had the tax expert's traditional attributes of attention to detail and love of the subject, but was set apart by two other qualities not often found in the world of tax — an ability to communicate and, most important of all, a vision of how things should be. Not content to master and simply play the system, he wanted to change it until it was simple and just.

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Three years ago he managed, in cahoots with Tim Smith, the chartered accountant MP, to get an adjournment debate on the subject in the House of Commons. It was late evening and, as so often with tax matters, there was hardly an MP in sight. Hardman and his bevy of tax partners in the public gallery out-numbered the elected representatives below. But his views were put across and have been working since in lawmakers' minds.

There were two main points in his crusade. MPs needed to understand that the volume and complexity of the legislation was counter-productive and as a result the costs of the Inland Revenue and the compliance costs of the taxpayers were far too high.

He also argued that it made no sense for accountants to divert their energies from helping businesses expand into creating obscure schemes for tax reasons. As he said: "It cannot make sense for the government to continue to build a system that is so complex that it is using up the best brains in accountancy when they could be much better employed in building businesses."

The problem is that the technical side of Budget proposals are produced in a vacuum. The Treasury is deluged with advice beforehand, but it takes little on its actual proposals. This wasteful system led Hardman into a famous broadsides in the aftermath of the Finance Act 1989. "If the government had sought the views of experienced tax practitioners beforehand," he said, "we would not have seen the close company investment legislation crawling out of the ashes of the apportionment legislation, only to be squashed to death by the tanks of the accountancy and legal professions." Hardman saw the system as desperately antiquated, tinkered with by lawmakers who had no understanding of it. "I do understand the government's point that it has to have complicated laws to deal with complicated transactions. But the only way round that is to abolish large chunks of the tax system", he argued. "MPs cannot understand 99 per cent of the finance bill, and there is no reason why they should. I wouldn't understand the legislation on atomic energy, for example. But the finance bill should be considered in committee with experts available to help." For Hardman, making the incomprehensible comprehensible was the point. Vincent Duggleby of the *Money Box* radio programme, interspersed his eulogy with tape extracts of Hardman's advice from the programme. What impressed was clarity of expression coupled with simplicity of ideas — summed up in a programme he once made on April Fool's day. Hardman went into overdrive on discretionary trusts for pets, launching into a lucid explanation of how a cat could claim the cost of food expended on its kittens' welfare. This flurry of nonsense about Blackie the cat delivered in his solid Bolton accent was famous within Grant Thornton. It was the essence of his work. Anyone listening could connect the way the tax system worked with their own circumstances and understand it.

For his efforts, that simple message, and the need for reform, should be emblazoned on the Treasury's walls.

Computer expert gets ICA post

PAUL Williams, the BDO *Binder Hamlyn partner who* helped to investigate computer problems involving London ambulances, has been elected chairman of the English institute's faculty of information technology. Williams is responsible for computer audit and security services at BDO and has specialised in his subject since 1974. A nationwide programme of seminars is planned for the coming year. Williams recently served as a member of the enquiry team set up by the Department of Health to investigate and report on the reasons for failure of the London Ambulance Service's computer-aided despatch systems. He is also involved as an expert witness in cases of litigation involving computer systems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fast track

HATS off to Sally Moore, a student from Loughborough, who has been named national young accountant of the year in the Young Enterprise competition backed by Arthur Andersen. Moore, 17, is currently studying for economics, maths and geography A levels and hopes to put her skills to good use in the City as a stockbroker. Young Enterprise, a charity, invites students between the ages of 15 and 18 to form companies to manufacture and sell products, at a profit, in schools and local communities. This year, 16,580 students took the Young Enterprise examination, and 3,485 of them opted for the finance question, making them eligible for the award. In September, the first students under an Arthur Andersen scholarship programme will join the firm for eight-month spells during their gap years, with a £1,500 travel bursary and an annual grant of £1,200 thrown in. Most participants are likely to go on to join the firm.

WOE betide any punters who tried to bend the rules in the BT3 share offer. Price Waterhouse, fraud auditor for the issue, publicised new and enhanced systems and procedures to detect multiple or otherwise fraudulent applications. In the past, multiple applicants have been subject to anything from community service to two-and-a-half years behind bars. Others were fined as much as £125,000 and had their share orders taken away. But who would have bothered this time?

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Immigration decision cannot be re-opened

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 6]

Where an application for an entry clearance certificate had been decided, both the application and the decision on it were to be regarded as legally incapable of being re-opened.

An unsuccessful applicant who wished to gain entry on some revised basis which depended on circumstances occurring after that decision could only rely on his right to make a fresh application.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by Dilowar and Iqbal Hussain from the decision of Mr Justice Popplewell who on January 22, 1993 granted the Home Secretary's application for orders of *certiorari* and *mandamus* to quash a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal.

The appellants were Bangladeshi citizens, now aged 24 and 23 respectively, who had been seeking settlement in the United Kingdom under rule 50(d) of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (1983) (HC 169) on the basis that their mother was dead and that they were joining their father, Abdul Hussain, who was a British citizen. Their application, made on January 26, 1984, was refused on February 25, 1986 the entry clearance officer not being satisfied that they were related to Abdul Hussain as claimed.

On March 3, 1986 they gave notice of appeal. On June 23, 1987 a letter from Tower Hamlets Law Centre to the immigration authority revealed that the appellants' mother was alive and still married to Abdul Hussain, whose second wife and children were in the UK. When DNA tests subsequently proved that the appellants were the sons of Abdul Hussain the Home Office wrote on July 17, 1989 that arrangements would be made for entry clearance.

Unknown to the Home Office, Abdul Hussain had died a month before that letter was written. That came to light the following year when the appellants attended the entry clearance office to be issued with entry certificates.

A formal refusal notice dated June 1990 refused entry on the basis that their sponsor was now dead and therefore no longer present and settled in the UK as required by the immigration rules. Their appeal to the adjudicator was dismissed on July 10, 1990. Their further appeal to the appeal tribunal succeeded. That decision was the subject of the judicial review proceedings.

Mr Rick Scannell for the appellants; Mr Robert Jay for the Home Office.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that one central principle lay at the heart of the appeal: that the appellate authorities, the adjudicator and the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, had to determine appeals on the facts existing at the date of the decision under appeal: see *R v IAT, Ex parte Kotecha* ([1983] 1 WLR 487).

The Immigration Appeal Tribunal accepted that if the decision under appeal was properly to be regarded as the 1986 refusal of entry clearance, then the appeal had to fail. They took the view that the real decision under appeal was no longer that of February 1986, rather it was the refusal notice of June 1990.

Accordingly, they addressed themselves to the question whether, having regard to the facts as they had developed by that later date, the appellants were properly to be regarded as entitled to settlement and concluded that the appellants did qualify under rule 50(d), by that date the father was dead and the mother, unlike in 1986, was actively seeking settlement in the UK.

The critical question was whether the appeal tribunal were addressing themselves to the appropriate decision and the relevant set of facts.

The Home Secretary's case had throughout remained unchanged. He argued that the February 1986 decision was at all times the sole decision under appeal, that the adjudicator was correct in his approach and that the judge was right to have quashed the appeal tribunal's contrary decision.

The appellants' argument, *inter alia*, was that the June 1987 letter expressly amended the original 1984 application so as to require an amended decision to be taken on it; a decision which was eventually given in June 1990. Thus the June 1990 decision superseded the earlier one for all purposes including that of the continuing appeal process.

In the particular circumstances it was necessary, certainly for the first appellant, not merely to find a decision to appeal later than that taken in 1986 but also to preserve the 1984 application.

That was because rule 12 of HC 169 stipulated that "applications are to be decided in the light of the circumstances existing at the time of the decision except that an applicant will not be refused an entry clearance under paragraph 50 ... solely on account of his becoming over-age between the receipt of his application and the date of the decision on it."

By June 1987 the first appellant was already 18; a fresh application by him would be doomed to failure. Thus he needed not only the decision but also the application to be re-opened. An amendment, it was argued, served both purposes.

In his Lordship's judgment, the only approach consistent both with rule 12 and, more particularly, with the *Kotecha* principle was that once an application had been decided, both the application and the decision taken upon it were to be regarded as legally incapable of being re-opened, whether by amendment or otherwise.

The date of the application fixed the time for deciding whether the applicant was over-age; the date of the decision was the date relevant for the determination of all other material facts.

Clearly if the decision taken was adverse to the applicant, the Home Office could review it and, if they chose, come to a fresh conclusion in his favour.

Clearly too, the applicant could appeal any adverse decision to the appellate authorities.

If, however, following an adverse decision, the applicant wished to gain entry on some revised basis which depended on circumstances occurring after that decision, then his only right was to make a fresh application.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Miss Barbara J. Beaton, Tower Hamlets; Treasury Solicitor.

Intention to resign can be reason for dismissal

Ely v YKK Fasteners (UK) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 6]

An expression of an intention to resign by an employee could qualify as "some other substantial reason of a kind such as to justify ... dismissal" under section 57(1)(b) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978. Accordingly such a dismissal would not be unfair.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by the employee, Alan Ely, from the Employment Appeal Tribunal which on April 19, 1991 had upheld the decision of a Liverpool industrial tribunal that his dismissal by his employer, YKK Fasteners (UK) Ltd was not unfair.

The employee had been employed as a spray painter since 1975. In 1988 he applied for an was offered employment with one of the employers' associated companies in Australia. He told the employers about the offer, stating that he intended to accept it and would be resigning, in due course, from his current employment. A few months later when he was asked to confirm the date of cessation of employment, the employee told the employers that he no longer wished to emigrate.

The employers' response was that the employee had told management that he was resigning; that that statement had been accepted in good faith; that he had been allowed an interval to sort out any personal problems about emigration; that his employment was treated as at an end; and that by then they had already recruited and trained his successor.

Mr Graham N. Wood for the employee; Mr Paul Gilroy for the employer.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the sole ground of appeal was the industrial tribunal's conclusion that the reason for the dismissal had been the employee's late notification of his change of mind; and that that reason represented "some other substantial reason of a kind such as to justify the dismissal ..." for the purposes of section 57(1)(b).

The employee's case was that it was not open to the industrial tribunal to find that there had been any reason for the dismissal, whether the late notification of a change of mind or any other ground, because the employers were not purporting to dismiss the employee at all and could not by definition have had any "reason for the dismissal" in their minds.

His Lordship could not accept that submission. It might indeed be illogical, when the words of the section were literally construed, to say that anyone could have a "reason for dismissal" when he was engaged in what he regarded as the acceptance of a resignation and was persisting in the firm belief that no question of dismissal arose at all.

It would be even more illogical, however, and contrary to the underlying objective of a statute designed to achieve a fair and workable system of industrial practice, to adopt an interpretation of section 57 which would result in dismissals which had occurred through an erroneous insistence on a supposed resignation being placed in a category of their own in which every such dismissal, regardless of merit, would be rendered automatically unfair because the employer could not supply a reason for it.

To outlaw such dismissals from the ordinary rules as to fairness affecting all other forms of dismissal, including constructive dismissals, would introduce an unnecessary complication into employment relations which would be more likely to confuse than to clarify resignation procedures in the workplace.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal was right to regard *Abernethy v Mott, Hay and Anderson* ([1974] ICR 323) as applying by analogy.

There seemed every justification for extending the principle in that case to enable resort to be had to a state of facts known to and relied on by the employer, for the purpose of supplying him with a reason for dismissal which, as a consequence of his misapprehension of the true nature of the circumstances, he was disabled from treating as such at the time.

Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Globe Wareing Cropper, Liverpool; Restons, Linaker & Linaker, Runcorn.

Ascertaining chargeable gain on disposal of shares

NAP Holdings UK Ltd v Whittles (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Nolan and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment July 9]

In ascertaining the amount of a chargeable gain accruing on the disposal by a company of shares that it had acquired from its parent in exchange for an issue of its own shares, the amount of the consideration that the subsidiary was to be treated as having given for the acquisition was their market value at the date of their acquisition by the subsidiary. It was not to be ascertained by reference to the base cost of the shares to the parent company.

The decision of the Court of Appeal in *Westcott v Woolcombers Ltd* ([1987] STC 600) could not be regarded as concluding the matter as that decision had been superseded by subsequent legislation.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the taxpayer company, NAP Holdings UK Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Exco Overseas Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Millett (*The Times* December 13, 1991; [1992] STC 59) in which he had upheld a determination of a special commissioner confirming an assessment to corporation tax on the taxpayer company for its 1985 accounting period in the sum of £230 million. The Crown was given leave to appeal.

The taxpayer company's parent company, Exco, owned the shares of Astbro Inc which it had acquired for £7.5 million. In 1983 Exco, for bona fide commercial reasons, had transferred 95 per cent of the Astbro shares, then valued at £400 million, to the taxpayer company in exchange for an issue of shares in the taxpayer company. Both before and after the transaction Astbro was, therefore, a member of the same group. In August 1985 the taxpayer company sold its Astbro shares out of the group for more than £431 million.

Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the taxpayer company; Mr Nicholas Warren, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that the sole question was the amount of the taxable gain realised by the taxpayer company on its sale of the shares in Astbro. That turned on the amount of the consideration for which the taxpayer company had to be taken, under the relevant legislation, to have acquired the Astbro shares.

At the time of the crucial transaction the relevant main provisions dealing with share exchanges and with the transfer of assets between members of the same group of companies were sections 78 and 85 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 and section 273 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

By section 78 an internal reorganisation of share capital "shall not be treated as involving any disposal" of the original shares. Section 85 extended the re-organisation concept to certain share exchanges.

By section 273 of the 1970 Act "where a member of a group of companies disposes of an asset to another member of the group, both members shall ... be treated, so far as relates to corporation tax on chargeable gains, as if the asset acquired by the member to whom the disposal is made were acquired for a consideration of such amount as would secure ... neither a gain nor a loss would accrue ..."

If section 273 governed the Astbro share transfer, then the taxpayer company was to be treated as having acquired the shares for the price paid by Exco. The taxpayer company contended section 273 did not govern the transaction because it only applied where a member of a group disposed of an asset to another member; by virtue of sections 78 and 85 of the 1979 Act, it was said, the transfer of the shares by Exco was not to be treated as involving any disposal.

The Crown's case was that that argument had been rejected by the court by reference to identical wording in the statutory predecessors in *Westcott v Woolcombers*.

Mr Thornhill's answer was that the *Woolcombers* decision, correct at the time, had been superseded by subsequent legislation that had not been taken into consideration in that case: see paragraph 19 of Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1968, re-enacted as section 279 of the 1970 Act and replaced by new anti-avoidance provisions in section 40 of the Finance Act 1977.

[Section 115 of the 1988 Act had the effect of reversing the *Woolcombers* decision as from March 1988.]

Both the taxpayer company's and the Crown's construction of the relevant provisions in the 1970 and 1979 consolidating Acts gave rise to difficulties. But they were difficulties which classical methods of construction could resolve.

There were three aspects of the *Woolcombers* decision to reflect on: (i) it had the effect in a case such as the present of creating a potential duplicate charge on an existing growth in value; (ii) it treated the same purchase price as if it were the purchase price of two different assets, namely the Astbro shares and the shares in the taxpayer company acquired by Exco, and (iii) the only taxpayers for whom those effects were created were companies which were members of the same group.

Those reflections added to the attraction of the taxpayers company's arguments. The construction for which it contended should be upheld. The *Woolcombers* decision could not be regarded as having survived the enactment of the 1970 and 1979 Acts.

It followed that the Exco group would pay no tax on the rise in value of the Astbro shares during the period of their ownership by Exco unless and until Exco liquidated the taxpayer company or disposed of the shares outside the group. The rise in value was rolled over in the taxpayer company's shares which were still in the group and thus remained for tax purposes unrealised.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Hirst agreed.

Solicitors: Ashurst Morris Crisp; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Unreasonable licence condition

Regina v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council, Ex parte Earls Court Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment July 9]

A condition imposed pursuant to paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 12 to the London Government Act 1963 was unreasonable in the *Wednesbury* sense ([1948] 1 KB 223) if its meaning was so obscure as to necessitate the issue of an originating summons as to its construction under Order 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing on procedural grounds an application by Earls Court Ltd, for judicial review of a decision by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to impose a number of conditions on the renewal of entertainment licences granted under Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act and an exhibition licence granted under section 21 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1966. No relief was granted as the applicant had a statutory right of appeal under paragraph 19 of Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act.

Mr Michael Barnes, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for the applicant; Mr Richard Field, QC and Mr John Cavanagh for the council.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the condition challenged sought to require organisers of events at Earls Court to ensure that all advertisements would encourage visitors to use public transport.

To be regarded as reasonable, the wording of a condition had to be sufficiently precise to enable the applicants to know what their obligations were. It was not clear what was needed to be done to comply with the condition.

Conditions could be imposed which were for a public purpose in connection with the licensed use of the premises. The conditions could not, however, be such that no reasonable licensing authority could have imposed them.

The conditions would fail that test if they seriously impaired the operator's ability to use the premises as envisaged by the planning consent.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Speechly Bircham; Mr C. T. Mahoney, Hammersmith.

Correction and apology

Filmlab Systems International Ltd v Pennington

Counsel for plaintiffs was not Mr Timothy Howe, as incorrectly reported on July 9, but Mr Martin Howe. Mr Timothy Howe has no connection whatever with this case and we apologise to him for this error.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

UK fails in beach obligation

Commission of the European Communities v United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Case C-56/90

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, M. Zuleeg, R. Joliet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse, M. Diez de Velasco, P. J. G. Kapteyne and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

[Opinion December 16, 1992]

[Judgment July 14]

The directive on the quality of bathing water required member states to take steps to ensure that certain results were attained and, apart from the derogations expressly permitted by the directive, they could not rely on particular circumstances to justify a failure to fulfil that obligation.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in granting a declaration that the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEC Treaty.

The Commission had brought an action under article 169 of the EEC Treaty for a declaration that, by failing to take all the necessary measures to ensure that the quality of bathing water in the bathing areas of Blackpool and adjacent to Formby and Southport conformed to the limit values set in accordance with article 3 of Council Directive 76/160/EEC of December 8, 1975 concerning the quality of bathing water (OJ 1976 L31 p1) the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under article 4 of the directive and under articles 5 and 189 of the EEC Treaty.

According to article 1(1), the directive concerned the quality of bathing water, with the exception of water intended for therapeutic purposes and water used in swimming pools. "Bathing water" was defined in paragraph (2) of that article.

Articles 2 and 3 of the directive required member states to set the values applicable to bathing water for the physical, chemical and microbiological parameters indicated in the annex thereto: those values might not be less stringent than those given in column 1 of the annex.

Under article 4(1) of the directive, the quality of bathing water had to conform to the limit values set in accordance with article 3 of the directive within a period of ten years following notification of the directive to the member state concerned: in the United Kingdom's case, that period expired on December 31, 1985.

However, with regard to bathing areas specially equipped for bathing created by the competent national authorities after the notification of the directive, the values laid down in the annex were to be observed from the time when bathing was first permitted, special provision being made for bathing areas created during the two years following notification.

Article 12(1) of the directive required member states to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the directive within two years of its notification. In the United Kingdom's case, that period expired on December 31, 1977.

Finally, derogations from the obligations under the directive were allowed by certain provisions.

In its judgment, the European Court of Justice held:

Admissibility

The United Kingdom maintained that the application was inadmissible for a number of reasons.

The UK was not entitled to draw from the Commission's initial inaction the inference that the Commission had approved the criteria notified by the UK and the manner in which they had been applied.

Neither article 5 of the Treaty nor the provisions of the directive obliged the Commission to express a view within a given period on the manner in which the UK was implementing article 1 of the directive. The Commission was therefore entitled to formulate its objections at such time as it deemed appropriate, and there was nothing to prevent it from subsequently instituting these proceedings under article 169 of the EEC Treaty.

According to the case law of the Court in determining whether the period allowed in the reasoned opinion was reasonable, account was to be taken of all the circumstances of the case.

It sufficed to observe that the Commission had drawn the UK's attention to the situation concerning the bathing waters in Blackpool and adjacent to Formby and Southport by letters of April 3 and July 30, 1986 respectively, that is to say almost two years prior to the date of the reasoned opinion. In those circumstances the contested period had to be regarded as reasonable.

Moreover, the UK could in any event have prohibited bathing in the areas in question. As the Commission observed at the hearing, other member states took such action in respect of certain of the waters whose quality was not in conformity with the directive.

It followed from the foregoing considerations that the application was admissible.

The Commission having failed to establish any infringement concerning the waters at Ainsdale, a locality situated between Southport and Formby Point, the application was dismissed as far as those waters are concerned. During the course of the written procedure before the Court, the Commission had withdrawn its complaint concerning the bathing area situated at Formby Point.

Waters at Blackpool and Southport

The UK had not denied that the quality of the bathing water in Blackpool and adjacent to Southport was still not in conformity with the directive. However, it submitted that no failure to fulfil its obligations could be imputed to it since neither the ten-year period laid down in article 4(1) of the directive for ensuring that the quality of the water complied with the requirements of the directive, nor the six-year period provided for in article 4(3) for notifying derogations granted in respect of the ten-year period, had expired as far as those waters are concerned.

Time limits in article 4(1) and (3) of the directive

The United Kingdom contended that the definition of bathing water in the second indent of article 1(2)(a) of the directive was too imprecise to enable the member states to identify the waters falling within its scope.

In that connection it should be recalled that, according to the second indent of article 1(2)(a) of the directive, "bathing water" meant all running or still fresh waters, or parts thereof, and sea water in which bathing was not prohibited and was traditionally practised by a large number of bathers.

That expression was to be interpreted in the light of the directive's underlying objectives which, according to the first two recitals in the preamble thereto, included the protection of the environment and public health and the improvement of living conditions.

Those objectives would not be attained if the waters of bathing resorts equipped with facilities such as changing huts, toilets, markers indicating bathing areas, and supervised by lifeguards, could be excluded from the scope of the directive solely because the number of bathers was below a certain threshold.

Such facilities and the presence of lifeguards constituted evidence that the bathing area was frequented by a large number of bathers whose health had to be protected.

The bathing areas of Blackpool and of Southport had for a long time been bathing resorts meeting those criteria. Accordingly, as from the notification of the directive they should have been considered bathing areas within the meaning of the directive.

It followed that the UK could not rely on the communication of October 19, 1979, or on the list of bathing waters drawn up during the course of 1979 pursuant to the criteria set out in that communication, in order to justify a failure to observe the time limits laid down in article 4(1) and (3) of the directive, in the case of the waters at issue. As was borne out by the very wording of those provisions, those time limits began to run from the date of notification of the directive.

The UK further contended that it would in any event be contrary to the principle of proportionality to consider that the failure by a member state to comply with the time limit laid down in article 4(3) of the directive deprived it of the right to grant derogations in respect of the ten-year period provided for in article 4(1).

As to that, it was sufficient to say that the period in question was intended to ensure that as far as possible bathing waters were, notwithstanding the derogation, brought into conformity with the directive within the ten-year period mentioned in article 4(1). That objective would be jeopardised, however, if the interpretation advocated by the UK were to be accepted.

Nature of obligation imposed by the directive

According to the UK, the directive merely required member states to take all practicable steps to comply with the limit values set in accordance with article 3 of the directive.

It was clear from article 4(1) of the directive that member states were to take all necessary measures to ensure that, within ten years following the notification of the directive, bathing water conformed to the limit set in accordance with article 3.

That period was longer than that laid down for the implementation of the directive, namely two years from the date of notification (article 12(1)), in order to enable the member states to comply with the aforementioned requirement.

The only derogations from the obligation incumbent upon member states to bring their bathing waters into conformity with the requirements of the directive were those provided for in articles 4(3), 5(2) and 8.

It followed that the directive required the member states to take steps to ensure that certain results were attained, and, apart from those derogations, they could not rely on particular circumstances to justify a failure to fulfil that obligation.

Consequently, the UK's argument that it took all practicable steps could not afford a further ground, in addition to the derogations expressly permitted, justifying the failure to fulfil the obligation to bring the waters at issue into conformity at least with the annex to the directive.

Even assuming that absolute physical impossibility to carry out the obligations imposed by the directive might justify failure to fulfil them, the United Kingdom had not, as the Advocate General had pointed out in his opinion, succeeded in establishing the existence of such impossibility in this case.

On those grounds the European Court:

1 Declared that, by failing to take all the necessary measures to ensure that the quality of the bathing waters in Blackpool and of those adjacent to Southport conformed to the limit values set in accordance with article 3 of Council Directive 76/160/EEC of December 8, 1975 concerning the quality of bathing water, the United Kingdom had failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEC Treaty.

2 Dismissed the remainder of the application.

3 Ordered the United Kingdom to pay the costs.

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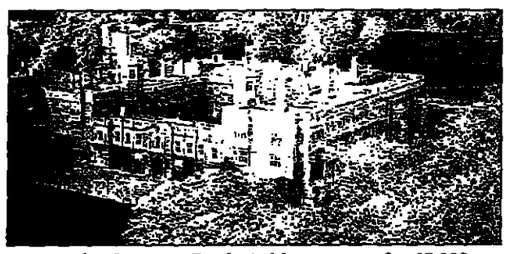

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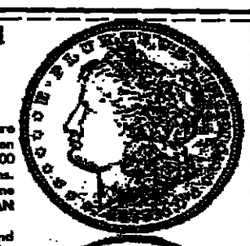
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** emerges unscathed from *Jurassic Park*, surviving an avalanche of merchandise

Monstrously commercial

Attending a sick dinosaur: Laura Dern, Joseph Mazzello and Sam Neill, in Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, have less luck with the gushy script

At the very beginning of **Jurassic Park**, one slobbish kid expresses a low opinion of palaeontologist Sam Neill's dinosaur excavations in Montana. "That doesn't look very scary," he sneers; "more like a six-foot turkey!"

Hollywood, however, does not work itself into a royal lather and spend millions of dollars simply so that audiences can stare at a big Christmas dinner. Before the film is over, flesh-and-blood dinosaurs, hatched from dinosaur DNA preserved in amber, have raged over the screen with a technical finesse no movie monsters ever enjoyed before.

Four special effects units worked this miracle. One crew built the dinosaurs full-scale; another created miniaturised versions. Another key group supplied computer simulations; yet another built special cranes and hydraulics. You can guess the length of the end credits: nearly 500 names all told, including 38 puppeteers, 12 computer graphics artists, three dinosaur skin fabricators and one poor gent solely assigned to "Goat and Body Parts".

Reborn into John Hammond's dinosaur theme park 65 million years after becoming extinct, these creatures prowl, lope, squash cars, spew out venom and chew humans to ribbons. Not for nothing do the posters carry a warning that sequences may be "particularly disturbing to younger children or children of a sensitive disposition". Parents should take this to heart, and keep away any child under 12. Even parents of a sensitive disposition may find some sights too much; I myself have yet to recover from seeing six Dickie Attenboroughs on screen at once during a demonstration of cloning.

Steven Spielberg's blunderbuss of a film — strong on surface thrills, weak on everything else — is equally frightening as a phenomenon. No recent film has been so aggressively promoted: Universal are supposedly spending $68 million on American advertising, $8 million more than the film cost to make. In one way, you cannot blame them: with Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, set in the world's first dinosaur theme park off Costa Rica, the hooks for merchandise are built in.

The very second shot features the film's trademarked logo on an extra's hard hat; later, for a few blatant seconds, the camera lingers over the T-shirts and other goodies available from the park's Visitor Centre giftshop. Step outside the cinema, and it gets worse still: toy dinos that snap, stomp and squirt 18 inches of "blinding venom" (alias water), dino-sized French fries, even *Jurassic Park* perfume and lip balm. More than 1,000 authorised products have supposedly been dumped on the globe.

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We could face such pollution with more equanimity if the product being advertised were actually one worth trumpeting. When Spielberg last scared the public to death, in *Jaws*, he wove thrills, story and characters so tightly together that audiences felt trapped in a vice. Here, the construction is so loose and clumsy that we have room enough to dance a jig.

The script adaptation, credited to Crichton and David Koepp, bears much of the blame. A good deal of Crichton's serious ruminations about the chaos theory and the morals of genetic engineering had to make room for the special effects stampede. That is understandable. But there is no excuse for the cynical assemblage of rousing thrills, cheap laughs and heartwarming sighs that remain.

Characters never click into the focus necessary to make the story work. Attenborough's Hammond, the park developer originally conceived as a "dark Walt Disney", is a breezy overgrown child with not one drop of menace, and a Scottish accent that comes and goes like the wind. Jeff Goldblum's Malcolm, the chaos theorist who questions Hammond's tinkering with science, becomes a tedious dispenser of flip remarks. Bob Peck, as Muldoon, the park warden, is dreadfully boring. As for Grant and Ellie — the palaeontologist and palaeobotanist thrust into the worst of the carnage with Hammond's two grandchildren — Sam Neill and Laura Dern can make little headway against the script's gush about family togetherness and fatherhood.

So much for the plot and the humans. At least the dinosaurs make a good showing: bad guys such as the Tyrannosaurus rex, the fast-running Velociraptor, and the venom-spitting Dilophosaurus; good guys such as the gentle herbivore Brachiosaurus and a sick Triceratops who needs petting.

Once the clumsy exposition is finally over (you must wait a good half-hour), Spielberg lets them run riot, and proves he can still frighten and tease, even with a broken-backed script. The cup of water and spoonful of jelly that shake from the thud of an advancing monster; the T Rex mouth suddenly looming in a car's rear-view mirror: these are jolting moments. An extended hide-and-seek chase in the restaurant kitchen is a cruel and clever set-piece; while the eye nurses the memory of dinosaur hordes striding over rolling green fields.

Yet *Jurassic Park* still sends you out of the cinema feeling short-changed and angry. For after all the expense, the hype and the advertising, what have you been sold? Not so much Michael Crichton's novel as a scrappy, B-movie tale of man versus prehistoric monster, blown out of all proportion by big-budget pretensions. John Williams's symphonic battering-ram soundtrack and the fanciest trimmings modern technology can buy. It is not enough.

Refugees from Jurassic Park may care to try Ron Fricke's **Baraka**, a film with no plot, no dialogue, no merchandise. This is one of the *Koyaanisqatsi* breed, a film that asks us to let the mind go slack and absorb, in awe, the world's miseries and wonders, presented in crystal-clear 70mm photography. The title is an ancient Sufi word, meaning "breath of life" or "blessing".

Fricke, a veteran of *Koyaanisqatsi* and several films for the huge Imax screen, took his camera to 24 countries. Britain was not one. The tourist's Europe scarcely exists: this is the world of Balinese tribes, Hawaiian volcanoes, Iranian mosques, Tokyo electronics factories, Kuwait's burning oil wells and crumbling temples in Cambodia. Fricke's globe-trotting, indeed, is so esoteric you cannot help wonder how Ayers Rock and St Peter's Basilica crept in.

Given the dazzling and hideous sights on offer, some in time-lapse photography, Fricke could easily have beaten the ecological drum and shouted the message "Nature, good! Mankind, bad!" But he chooses to shout no message at all. No commentary points the way; even the billowing black smoke from the Kuwaiti oilfields is left alone in its awful beauty. Nimbly edited and synchronised to a world music potpourri, *Baraka* is a refreshing diversion, well worth a glance: the ideal coffee-table-book film.

The Icelandic **Children of Nature** (eight shows at the National Film Theatre, from July 20) takes us equally far from the mainstream. Fridrik Fridriksson's second feature (the only film Iceland produced in 1991) deals with old age, almost a taboo topic in Hollywood.

The opening sequences, spare in word and image, grab the attention immediately. An old farmer (Gísli Halldórsson) shoots his dog, gathers a suitcase of paltry possessions and goes to stay, unannounced, with his daughter. From there he is taken to an old people's home. Once he absconds in a jeep with a former sweetheart, anxious to die at her childhood farm, the film starts to wander and loses some of its edge. But the film's tenderness and stark landscapes remain. And, glory be, there is no dinosaur anywhere.

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a funny and touching American play

Very unwell, but not sick

Marvin's Room
Hampstead

DONALD COOPER

Dr Wally (Ian Gelder) and Bessie (Alison Steadman)

The American dramatist Scott McPherson wrote *Marvin's Room* in 1989, three years before he lost a long, ugly battle with the HIV virus. Moreover, his play does not exactly exude health and efficiency. The protagonist has leukaemia. Her aunt dodders about, coping with a chronic crippling disease. Her nephew is a recovering psychotic who burnt down his mother's house, and half the street with it. And her father, the Marvin of the title, spends the evening uttering high-pitched bleats from a bed behind frosted glass. He is a one-eyed, one-kidneyed, colonless stroke victim with diabetes.

I would not have been surprised if a phalanx of quadraplegic lepers had shunted onstage, claiming to be this luckless family's second cousins from Idaho. Nor would it have shocked me if their smalltalk had left the audience fighting back laughter. Before he died, McPherson achieved something unusual for any writer, and especially for one from a theatrical culture where toughmindedness and sympathy seldom combine. He wrote a comedy about disease and caring that is funny without being sick and humane without making obvious demands on our pity.

The opening scenes set the tone. If they have a fault, it is that they tend towards caricature; yet most of us must have met well-meaning bodgers not wholly unlike Ian Gelder's Dr Wally, the happily named physician who crashes round the innards of Alison Steadman's Bessie like a fen-walker in a pair of gumboots. He calls her by the wrong name, casually bites open a pack of sterile cotton wool, terrorises her with scores of vials gaping for her blood, and casually bashes passing insects: and who very likely had his friends in stitches of appalled hilarity as he described the doctor who broke the news of his own Aids. He certainly continues to display that contradictory talent with the introduction of Bessie's sister Lee (Phyllis Logan), an aspiring "graduate of cosmetology" with a hairdo like loops of platinum wire in freefall.

She alternately bullies, fusses over and ignores the 17-year-old son (Aidan Gillen) whom, in good Laingian fashion, she has driven to the booby-hatch. Will she, he or his bookish younger brother prove to have the right bone-marrow for the increasingly sickly Bessie?

The dialogue continues quirkily to crackle and oddball incidents, including a visit to Disneyworld, to occur; but from here on the play's tone shifts slightly, becoming more serious and, despite the expertise with which Steadman balances personal distress, harassed concern for others and a subdued resentment, a mite sentimental too.

What is meant by the "family", and what are our responsibilities to it, especially in as fragmented a country as America? Is it right to sacrifice ourselves for its weaker, needier members, and if so, what are the losses and gains? Is the real privilege to give love, as Bessie thinks?

Those are the questions McPherson asks, and he was too open and intelligent a writer to insist on any capsule answers. No wonder his play picked up most of the off-Broadway awards. What a pity he died before he could develop into the major talent he promised to become.

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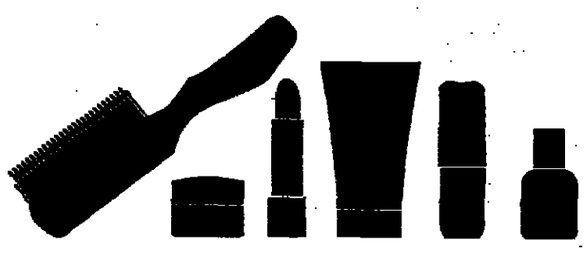

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

LONDON

GREASE: Back to the Fifties: greased hair and neon sox, teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role once taken by Richard Gere.
Dominion, *Tottenham Court Road, W1* (071-580 8845). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW. *Anton Lesser and Amanda Harris, aided* by some Hooray Henrys and Henriettas, bring unexpected class consciousness to *this funny, if unlovely* play. Bill Alexander directs.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm; opens July 20, 7pm; then in rep. 🅂

THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B.: Gerry Anderson's space heroes live again. The cult show with humans playing Gerry *Anderson's puppets*.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Previews from tonight, 8pm, opens July 19, 8pm.

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: One of *the highlights of the festival, a concert by* the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox with the premiere of a *trumpet concerto by Geoffrey Burgon* (the soloist Crispian Steele-Perkins) as well as music by Grieg, Sibelius, Suk and Dvořák.
Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, EC2, 7.30pm.

EUGENE ONEGIN: Valery Gergiev, music director of the Kirov Opera, makes *his Covent Garden debut with* Tchaikovsky's romantic tragedy. Sergei Leiferkus and Galina Gorchakova, *acclaimed here as Ruprecht and Renata in The Fiery Angel* last season, sing Onegin and Tatyana. The cast also includes *Gillian Knight*, Sarah Walker, Gegam Grigorian and Nicolai Ghiaurov. John Cox directs. See review right.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London (071-240 1066/1911) 7pm. 🅂

TITO PUENTE'S GOLDEN MEN OF LATIN JAZZ/ARTURO SANDOVAL: The grand old man of big-band salsa, making a rare UK appearance, brings his syncopated latin rhythms to the South Bank. The Cuban trumpeter Sandoval also appears playing his western influenced but no less fiery jazz.
Festival Hall, London, SE1 (071-928 8800) 8pm. 🅂

THE NEW DESIGNERS: Now in its *sixth year, this exhibition represents the* work of graduating designers from 50 British art schools and universities. Items, mostly for sale, range from *clothes and fabrics to furniture*.
Business Design Centre, Upper Street, Islington Green, London, N1 (071-359 3535). Opens today, 10am-8pm, then Fri and Sat, 10am-6pm, and Sun, 10am-4pm. 🅂

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Christopher Seaman conducts the City of Birmingham Youth Orchestra in Brahms's first and second Piano Concertos. John Lill is the soloist.
Birmingham Symphony Hall (021-212 3333) *tonight, 7.30pm*.

CAMBRIDGE: The large scale theatre piece *Sarajevo*, a combination of music, dance and drama, opens The Kirin International Arts Festival. A brave but *rather unsuccessful attempt to recreate the great affliction of this city's history*.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler *Street, tonight, 8pm, then tomorrow, Sat*, 8pm. Festival Box Office, The Junction, Clifton Road, Cambridge (0223 412600).

MACCLESFIELD: The Grimethorpe Colliery Band, winner of the British Open *Championships, offers an evening of* Heroism and Valour in a brass band concert, forming part of Gawsworth *Hall's Open Air Theatre Festival*. Audience participation will be encouraged by the band.
Gawsworth Hall, *Macclesfield*, Cheshire SK11 9RN (0260 223456). Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment *of theatre showing in London*

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, *Coventry Street, W1* (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **COMEDIANS**: Tim McInnerny plays the bitter and rejected comic in a well-*staged revival of Trevor Griffiths's play*.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 155mins. 🅂

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. 🅂

■ ***GREASE***: *Back to the Fifties*: greased hair and neon sox. Teenage love and rock, with Craig McLachlan in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and *Sat, 3pm*.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings.
Aldwych, *The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404)*. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: A rather plodding adaptation becomes *breathtaking when the magic tricks take* over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, *mats* Wed, Sat, 3pm, 150mins.

☐ ***JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK***: Return of the acclaimed Gate Theatre, Dublin, production after its run at the Albery.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 *(071-876 1116)*. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed (July 28, Aug 4, 11 only), 2.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Bebe Neuwirth gives her final *performances as the vamp in this* tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot *Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet* of troubled middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins*. 🅂

◩ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport *rampant, rubber phalluses* Aristophanes would have approved.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 *7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm*, Sat, 5pm. 95mins.

■ ***MARVIN'S ROOM***: Alison Steadman and Phyllis Logan, with Carmel McSharry in an award-winning dark comedy by *Scott McPherson*, a woman in need calls upon her estranged sister for help.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mat Sat, 4pm*.

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**: Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a *subsidised production*.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins.

■ **OLEANNA**: David Suchet. Lia *Williams in Mamet's blistering new play* about political correctness in an American college, passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES**: Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt *emotions in Peter Hall's welcome* revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. 🅂

☐ **THE SUM OF US**: A well-performed Australian play about the tensions between a too-tolerant father and his gay son. Last week.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East *Croydon* (081-680 4060). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. 120mins. Final week.

◩ **TRANSLATIONS**: British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal, clear production of *Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the* uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044). ◩ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ■ **Cats**: New London (071-*405 0072*). ☐ ***Don't Dress for Dinner***: Duchess (071-494 5070). ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045). ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037). ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909). ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, *Drury Lane (071-494 5400)*. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443). ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: *Whitehall (071-867 1119)*. ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BENNY & JOON** (12): Zany love story ultimately choked by whimsy, starring Johnny Depp, Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn; director, Jeremiah Chechik.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) ***MGM Oxford Street*** *(071-636 0310)* **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's *intoxicating tale of lost souls in a* crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **HOUSE OF ANGELS** (15): Liberated newcomers upset the calm of a Swedish village. Humane comedy *from British-born director Colin Nutley*. With Helena Bergström, Rikard Wolff.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** 🅂 (071-435 3366).

◆ **SUPER MARIO BROS** (PG): Video game stars penetrate a parallel universe of reptilian thugs. Ponderous, excessive extravaganza, with Bob Hoskins, Dennis Hopper. Directors, Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096).

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

THREE OF HEARTS (18): Can William Baldwin win back Kelly Lynch's bisexual girlfriend? Who cares? Timidly daring romantic soufflé. With Sherilyn Fenn, director, Yurek Bogayevicz.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666).

CURRENT

◆ ***THE ASSASSIN*** *(18)*: *Bridget* Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin in this efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne, director, John Badham.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** 🅂 *(071-370 2636)* **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from *Claude Sautet*.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance, director, John McNaughton.
Empire *(071-437 1234/497 9999)* **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

◆ ***RED ROCK WEST*** *(15)*: *Enjoyable* thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper, Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh, director, John Dahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between a waitress and a busboy. Tony Bill *directs; with Rosie Perez*.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631).

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** enjoys fine singing in a penny-pinching production

Luxury music, economy show

Eugene Onegin
Covent Garden

AS SOMEONE once said: It's a funny old world. In the Strand, untold sums are lavished on mounting *Sunset Boulevard*. Round the corner in Bow St the Royal Opera, supposedly one of the flagships of our national artistic endeavour, has plainly been forced to scrimp and save on its last new production of the season, especially on decor and, I would guess, on rehearsal time. The evening has a distinctly "economy" look to it, and thus is scarcely the sort of show to appeal to many of those who can afford the dotty prices Covent Garden is forced to charge.

There are doubtless those who will gloat at the spectacle of high art being put in its place with a taste of market forces, but I am not of their number, since I will stake my soul on Tchaikovsky's opera being played all over the world in 200 years' time, when Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber will be no more remembered than Sir Henry Bishop is today. Those who voiced disapproval of the *Onegin* production team at curtain-fall should have directed their boos elsewhere.

Timothy O'Brien is a fine designer. His ultra-simple decor, based on flat surfaces in plain colours and economically built, is elegant in the abstract, but only one of his sets — that for Mme Larina's ball — really rises to what is needed for *Onegin*. What money there was went on costumes and on dancers for Kim Brandstrup's serviceable choreography.

There are many beautiful ideas in John Cox's production, especially in the Letter Scene, and a few more days' rehearsal might have helped draw them into tighter focus and give him the opportunity to eliminate one or two outbreaks of "operatic" acting. Looking on the brightest of all possible sides, *you could say that the staging in no* way distracts attention from a magnifi*cent musical performance*.

The collaboration between the Kirov *and the Royal Opera is a shining deed* in a naughty world. Both companies *are struggling for survival for various* reasons, and their association over the *last four years has been mutually* beneficial. The fact that their co-*production — one of many — of War and Peace* will probably never be seen here for lack of funds is further occasion for teeth-grinding rage. Valery Gergiev, the artistic director, is fighting a heroic battle to preserve the glorious St Petersburg operatic tradition, and his presence here with three Kirov principals in Tchaikovsky gives us a privileged opportunity to partake in that tradition. It should on no account be missed.

DONALD COOPER

Tatyana (Galina Gorchakova): one of the world's most thrilling voices

Gergiev's measured conducting takes a little time to get used to — most of the first scene, in fact, where the conversations don't really flow — but once into the Letter Scene all doubts are cast aside. The aching tenderness of his phrasing, the tension with which the big tunes uncoil, the beauty of the playing he coaxes from the orchestra (lovely woodwind curlicues), the panache of the dance music — all take your breath away. What a conductor!

Sergei Leiferkus must have lost count of the number of times he has sung the title role, but his impersonation remains fresh-minted, his rich, gravelly baritone vividly communicative and technically secure. He is also a marvellously physical performer: the way he moves and the set of his head on his shoulders tell you everything about the man before he has even opened his mouth.

Galina Gorchakova knocked us all sideways with her Renata in last year's *Fiery Angel* (another Kirov-Garden co-production). In the standard repertory role of Tatyana she proves that this was no flash in the pan: hers is one of the most thrilling voices in the world today, plushily sumptuous in tone and used with rare delicacy and imagination. Purely vocally, I have not heard a Letter Scene to touch hers.

In Gegam Grigorian's Lensky you hear a century of Russian tenor tradition, inimitably plangent, firm and expressive. Simply to hear the Russian language emerging through these voices, and indeed through Nicolai Ghiaurov's as Gremin, is excitement enough. Share it, and then *write to your MP. To risk throwing all* this away for the sake of a handful of *small change would be simply* grotesque.

FESTIVALS: **Gerald Larner** on early music in York and a premiere at Cheltenham

In tune with their past

THE programme of the York Early Music Festival is a virtuoso performance in itself, a brilliantly planned annual invasion by musicians who are so well rehearsed in infiltrating the city's network of ancient halls and churches that only the most aware of residents can be certain where they will appear next.

For bewildered visitors baffled by *the geographical complexities* — thanks to the city council's refusal to *allow what it apparently regards as the* enemy to signpost its activities — the best advice is to try any likely looking historical building between ten in the morning and ten at night: unless it is a bank or a fast-food outlet, something is likely to be happening on period instruments or authentically inflected voices.

Anyone lighting on the Merchant Adventurers' Hall before the end of the first weekend of the ten-day festival might have been lucky enough to find **Musica Petropolitana** installed there. Though stylistically no more appropriate to the event than the most modern of concert halls (it was built 300 years before St Petersburg got off the ground) it was acoustically an ideal setting for the gentle sound of an exceptional group of instrumentalists from a country where authenticity is not the most common of musical virtues.

The six young Russians dress the part, more or less, and take immense care with their tuning. And while swaying dangerously close to the pointed ends of their colleagues' 18th-*century bows, they retain apparently* effortless balance and ensemble.

In fact only one Russian composer was represented in the concert: Ivan Khandoshkin, in a fascinating and all too short set of variations for two violins on a Russian folksong. But there was a rare opportunity to hear Swedish baroque music in Johann Agnell's very competent Concerto in B minor for flute and strings, together with whatever Italian baroque and early-classical sophistication (Tessarini, Sarti, Paisiello) St Petersburg could lay claim to.

Sailing to success

HAVING written a piece called *Darting the Skiff* for Heinrich Schiff and the Northern Sinfonia, John Casken was no doubt disconcerted to find that the orchestra's artistic director was indisposed and he would have to conduct it himself. The little joke about Schiff and the skiff was now turned on the composer, who was going to have to guide the Sinfonia strings through *some very complicated manoeuvres*.

The consolation was that, although *he only rarely conducts his own music*, Casken and the Sinfonia know each other very well. Even so, gazing down on Lake Como and observing the movements of boats and light on the surface of the water while thinking of Gerard Manley Hopkins's *Penmaen Pool* — "You'll dare the Alp, you'll dart the skiff" — is not quite the same thing as sorting out the rhythmic and textural problems which arise when the visual experience is translated into music for strings. He clearly has more conducting skills than he admits.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the first performance of *Darting the Skiff* in Cheltenham Town Hall was the elucidation of an extended and elusive single-movement construction. Its ending, which suggests that the darting is about to begin again, is surprising and convincingly conclusive at the same time, putting the preceding *events* into perspective at last. The various elements — toccata figuration, fantasia freedom, canzona counterpoint and, most interesting of all, a central *period of tranquillity* — which have been difficult to retain in *the memory and in meaningful associ*ation fall satisfyingly into place.

As far as the Sinfonia strings were concerned, it was a brilliant display of agility, quick rhythmic thinking, and cohesion of ensemble under no little stress. But this orchestra, which never needs the kind of conductor who would drill them into line, is uncommonly well equipped to deal with such problems. Elsewhere, Adam Fischer offered an effective accompaniment to Stephen Isserlis in a persuasive performance of the original, superior version of Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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An open letter from **Libby MacNamara**, director of the Association of British Orchestras, to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary

Don't fiddle with our orchestras

While the orchestral world is still reeling from the Arts Council's announcement that its total funding to two of the major symphony orchestras is to be axed from next April, I write to protest about the way in which the matter is being handled. We recognise the principle of arm's length funding and share your views on the importance of the Arts Council's independence in artistic policy-making. Its artistic judgment, though widely questioned elsewhere, is not the subject of this letter.

But we must challenge the basis upon which this decision was reached, the plans for its hasty implementation and the undignified treatment of some of the nation's finest cultural institutions, who face the possibility of losing their total grant in the middle of their forthcoming season. In short, we must call into question the Arts Council's competence and professionalism.

In his statement following the Arts Council's Woodstock meeting in May, the secretary-general Anthony Everitt assured us that any substantial financial changes would be "phased in over a number of years". To give just four months' notice for the complete withdrawal of two major, long-established grants is grossly irresponsible. How can these orchestras plan? How can they honour current commitments?

As things stand, two of them will be told in December that their funding is to cease from April next year. Concert plans well beyond that date have already been announced: artists have been booked: composers have been commissioned: festival and other engagements have been accepted and sponsors secured: in some cases, tickets have been sold.

As for the basis upon which this momentous decision was made: when the Council's artistic review was announced earlier in the year the chairman, Lord Palumbo, promised an evaluation would be "rigorous, extensive and fair". What does this evaluation amount to? Does it mean that the Council considered and endorsed a proposal put forward by the advisory panel on music? If this was the extent of the review, it is hardly surprising that the implications of this decision were so ill-thought through.

Although unquestionably eminent in their own particular spheres, not one member of the current music panel has ever had any direct experience of symphonic orchestral management. Nor could any of them be expected to be aware of the full implications of so radical a shift in funding policy, let alone the speed with which it is to be implemented. The claim that it was the "unanimous" decision of the music panel must in any case be challenged, since one prominent member, composer Robert Saxton, resigned from the panel on principle over the handling of this issue.

As you know, there is another relevant review which could have been considered. Over the past year, the jointly-commissioned Arts Council/BBC review of national orchestral provision has been carried out, with the systematic and exhaustive collection of a comprehensive range of opinion from the orchestral industry, backed up by statistical evidence. Although this review was supposed to have been finished and ready for consideration by now, it has been shelved until late autumn, and we are told that its findings have had no bearing on this latest decision.

Two questions spring to mind. Why, when the collection of data for this major review was completed months ago, has the final review not yet been produced? And why did the Arts Council proceed to make a radical decision about the future funding of four major orchestras before it had had an opportunity to consult the findings of such an important review?

Finally, we question the need for an independent committee to recommend which orchestra should be favoured. Surely it is the responsibility of the Arts Council music department to make such recommendations. Does it lack the confidence and competence to do so?

As Lord Palumbo has pointed out, and as the public's interest in this issue — represented by press coverage and questions in Parliament — has endorsed, the number of orchestras based in London has long been the subject of considerable discussion. Nevertheless, London's reputation as one of the world's great musical capitals has been founded on the bedrock of its range of fine symphony orchestras and the extraordinary richness of the concert programme they provide in London, throughout the UK and all over the world.

They have attracted Europe's largest concentration of recording companies to London, and have enhanced the status of our world-class conservatoires. The Arts Council's action may not necessarily cause the demise of any of the orchestras, but it stands to place two of them in real financial jeopardy.

We appeal to you to intervene in this process and ensure either that the timescale is extended sufficiently to allow for the upheaval that will be necessary, or that adequate extra funding is made available in the short term to ensure that current commitments can be honoured by the orchestras concerned. We urge you to restore confidence in the Arts Council and to ensure that this difficult transition is handled with the responsibility that the government and the public expects, and which is manifestly lacking at the moment.

POP

Preacher with plenty of soul

Al Green
Festival Hall

As ever, he was handing out roses to his admirers before the first song had even ended, and you needed sunglasses to cope with the glare from the gold lamé lapels on his jacket. He seemed almost bored with some of his most famous hits, toying with them like an infant with a half-finished meal.

A great singer is allowed to indulge himself. Al Green — or the Rev Al Green as we should now call him — is undoubtedly among the greatest. His mesmerising performance at the JVC/Capital Jazz Parade demonstrated just how wide a gap still separates him from younger contenders such as Luther Vandross or Alexander O'Neal. You might as well try to compare a malt whisky with a low-alcohol beer.

There was a time when Green's career seemed to have fallen victim to his tumultuous private life. Then he returned as a born-again Christian and a preacher in his own Church of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Memphis. The message shifted from the sensual to the evangelical.

Still, on the evidence of this set, he must belong to the decidedly liberated wing of the southern church. Though "Amazing Grace" has made it into his repertoire, his mildly camp stage persona has hardly changed. He still flirts with the microphone and his audience.

His band, a superb, old-style Memphis unit with the traditional trappings of organ and three horns, helped to maintain the illusion of complete spontaneity. The drummer Jeffrey Rogers signalled each abrupt change of tempo as Green slipped into another bout of testifying or tossed aside "Let's Get It On" after just half a dozen bars.

Halfway through, he finally sang "Tired of Being Alone" and succumbed to the repeated calls for "Let's Stay Together". As he admitted, touring has taken some of the edge from his voice, yet it remains a stunning instrument, evoking the sweetness of Sam Cooke and the unbridled power of Otis Redding. Perhaps we might have heard a little more of it and rather less of the audience singalongs. But Green is Green. The concert of the year? Quite possibly.

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Humour and resilience in pre-yuppy Clapham: Cleo Sylvestre, Geraldine Sherman, Carol White and Doreen Herrington in Nell Dunn's "Wednesday Play", *Up the Junction*

Yesterday was Wednesday

The classics of Sixties television drama offer a valuable perspective on a key period in Britain's history, writes **Benedict Nightingale**

Did girls actually sport those beehive hair-dos? Was bad language really once confined to the odd "damned" and "bloody"? Were steam trains puffing their way to Waterloo a mere 28 years ago? Did a cheese roll and a fizzy drink cost just ninepence in 1965? Was London a smokeful but mostly drug-free zone? It takes a longish intake of breath to get over the obvious, superficial surprises: but, once that has happened, there is fun both dramatic and sociological to be had from the series of antique television plays that began last night on BBC 2 with a reshowing of Nell Dunn's *Up the Junction*.

All of them, Peter Terson's charming *Fishing Party* to Mike Leigh's wry, dry *Hard Labour*, originally appeared in a slot called "The Wednesday Play" between 1964 and 1970. It was hardly the most inviting of names. The contemporary BBC would probably have rechristened the series "The Cutting Edge of Drama" or somesuch. For behind the flat title were some interestingly unpredictable contours, as the first three selections show. After *Up the Junction* comes Dennis Potter's *Where the Buffalo Roam*, a realistic Welsh variation on the Walter Mitty myth, and after that Peter Nichols's surreal satire, *The Gorge*.

Up the Junction, first shown in 1965, was an early example of what has come to be known as documentary drama. Mainly, Ken Loach's camera followed three girls, each of them maintaining humour and resilience in pre-yuppy Clapham. Rube (Geraldine Sherman) got herself pregnant by a motorbike fanatic, only to see him skewered to death in a road accident. Eileen (Vickery Turner) fell for a married man who, caught by the coppers with a crowbar in his car boot, ended up in prison.

The fate of Sylvie (Carol White) I found less clear, partly because of jumps in the narrative, partly because the copy of the play I saw was not so much black-and-white as grey-and-grey, and had apparently been coated with south London smog as well: but it was surely she who was seen exchanging blows and insults with her estranged husband. "Where are you going all dressed up like the Queen of Sheba?", "What's that to you, you fifth-rate ponce?".

When novelists and film-crews go slumming, there is a risk of gloating voyeurism: "gosh, aren't these working-class people *real*!" Such a danger would have been even greater in the mid-1960s, when the class walls, though increasingly dented, were thicker and higher than they are now. But Dunn and Loach managed to keep their objectivity and their integrity. Their intention may partly have been to suggest that camaraderie and a capacity for fun survived in the lower depths of Lavender Hill: but even when the pubs were alive with the sound of music there was little sign of condescension in their play.

In any case, there was plenty to offset middle-class mawkishness: the grimy factories and scrub-it-yourself laundries, the characters' forlorn dreams of escape, the ineffective hedonism and casual sex, and an agonising backstreet abortion for poor Rube. Some of the local colour was pretty dark too. At one point a commercial traveller faced the camera, and described selling the "animals" goods they did not want, and then forcing them to pay the bill by borrowing at outrageous rates of interest. We even saw him convincing one of the blacks he despised that a suit whose buttons wouldn't do up was the height of fashion. Much of *Up the Junction* has dated; but not his weasely skills.

The first three revivals in the current series, though seemingly very different, actually have much in common. Nichols's *The Gorge* is light and whimsical, and Potter's *Where the Buffalo Roam* a kind of kitchen-sink tragedy. But they are both of their period in their obsession with the generation gap and their distaste for authority. As much as *Up the Junction*, they sympathise with the instinctive rebelliousness of the young. Even more than that play, they find an oppressive conformism in the world at large and the family in particular.

The Gorge (July 28) involves those deadliest of ritual pleasures, the English family outing and the English picnic. For Dad and Mum, a grey sky is a positive incitement to take a drive, and a bleak roadside heath has an irresistible magnetism when it comes to finding a place to erect a tent, cart about little chairs and tables, and grimly enjoy a bad meal. As in his stage play, *The Freeway*, Nichols tries to build these Sunday-afternoon miseries into a comment on the state of Britain; but it is the quirky, offbeat humour that justifies the revival.

Where the Buffalo Roam (July 21) has its quirky moments, too, but they get less and less funny as the play proceeds. For a time the Swansea boy so strongly played by Hywel Bennett seems no more harmful than Thurber's Mitty and no more damaged than Waterhouse and Hall's Billy Liar. He badgers his mother to call him Shane. He slips in and out of a fantasy in which he is the fastest gun in the West, the terror of sheriffs, bartenders and his fellow cowboys alike. Silly — but so what?

So quite a lot. Gradually we become aware that for this young tearaway fantasy is not just an amusing eccentricity, but a psychotic escape from family brutishness. The inarticulate victim gets odder and odder, until he has gunned down his mother and grandfather and is alone with a revolver on a roof, taking potshots at any representative of authority who dares venture near him. Potter is, it turns out, writing about a figure we often read about today: the powerless loner who ends up taking sensational revenges on the world that has rejected him.

Not all the plays in the series are as up-to-the-moment as that: but those which have dated more still have enough to reveal about our recent history for us to be able to defend the BBC against the charge of cynically raiding the archives for cheap summer repeats. Here is one angle on a key decade. Here is what some fine dramatists made of a period of transition. Here is England, as often, floundering at the crossroads.

JAZZ: **Clive Davis** talks to author and veteran bassist Bill Crow about the tribulations of life as a musician

Tales from the band room

Most jazz musicians, as Bill Crow observes, have a profound capacity for laughter — not mindless laughter, but the kind of gallows humour that helps an individual to contend with the dismal pay and indifferent working conditions. Not to mention the critics.

Ronnie Scott, for example, likes to tell the story of the sick musician who goes to his doctor and is told he has just six months to live. The musician looks up and asks: "What on?" Or you can sample one of the old jokes in Bill Crow's book *Jazz Anecdotes*: What is the difference between a bass and a cello? A bass burns longer.

Crow appreciates the witticism more than most since he is himself a bass player of some distinction. A former sideman with Stan Getz, Gerry Mulligan and Zoot Sims, he also knows about the commercial end of the business, having scuffled around as a session musician and survived no fewer than eight years in the pit band of *42nd Street* on Broadway.

More recently he has come into his own as an author. *Jazz Anecdotes*, which has now been issued in paperback (Oxford University Press, £6.99), is an effervescent collection of tales — a few apocryphal, many all too true — gathered from books, interviews and archive material. Others come from "The Band Room" a column that Crow writes for the monthly journal of his branch of the American Musicians Union.

First published in 1990, the book was instantly acclaimed as one of the most entertaining and informative accounts of the jazz life. Crow has now followed it up with his memoirs. *From Birdland To Broadway* (OUP £17.95), which traces his career from his first tentative sorties into New York 40 years ago. If the tone is slightly more elegiac — he has lost too many close friends over the past decade — there is no shortage of new anecdotes.

Who has generated the most stories over the years? Crow says the prize probably goes to Benny Goodman, the notoriously ruthless and parsimonious "King of Swing". Crow is well-placed to judge the accuracy of these stories, since he was a member of the Goodman band that paid an ill-starred visit to the Soviet Union in 1962. The players came close to mutiny on several occasions. Afterwards, when Zoot Sims was asked what it was like to play in Russia, he growled: "Every gig with Benny is like playing in Russia."

Towards the end of his life Goodman needed to photocopy 60 copies of an itinerary for his band. Rather than buy more paper for his own photocopier, Goodman arranged for a salesman and several deliverymen to come to his home with three brand new Xerox machines. Once 60 demonstration copies of the itinerary had been made Goodman walked from the room, leaving his assistant to show the visitor to the door.

As for the drinking yarns — an essential feature of books such as these — some of the best concern the guitarist and wit Eddie Condon, a man who was capable of consuming superhuman quantities of whisky. Crow recalls how Condon once listened to a particularly intricate solo by the pianist Dick Hyman: "When it was over, Condon fixed Dick with a look of amazement. 'And you don't drink at all, do you?' "

At 65, Bill Crow is enjoying the fruits of his Broadway pension scheme. He continues to write his column, and commutes from his home in upstate New York whenever an engagement comes up. On the day we met he was on his way back from a date with a rehearsal band in New Jersey. Still active in the New York union, he is reasonably optimistic about the opportunities for the city's musicians.

"It seems to be cyclical. Around the late Sixties it seemed to be running along fairly well, and then it just withered away to one or two places. Now it's built back. There's still no money in it, though. The average New York club pays worse wages than any place in the country: there are more musicians here, so the rates are lower.

"But, really, money is never going to be uppermost in players' minds. The music is potentially rich enough to engage people for their whole lives."

In praise of the parochial

Peter Ackroyd on a critic who identified the distinctive spirituality of British art

Peter Fuller's career was more interesting than that of most art critics. Although it is perhaps unhelpful of his editor to compare him with Ruskin (the disparity is too glaring), this volume of posthumous essays and lectures does suggest his craving for belief and certainty. His intellectual biography is in one sense predictable: he abandoned his Baptist upbringing, embraced communism, and then converted to psychoanalytic theory. It is the trajectory of an enthusiast or a missionary, but rarely has so severe a temperament been applied to art criticism and art history.

That is why Fuller is primarily concerned with the problem of evaluation and in particular with the spiritual dimension of great art: from his early allegiance to a wholly Marxist aesthetic, he developed a taste for the Gothic and Romantic art which aspired higher than any materialistic dynamic. His is in that sense a peculiarly English vision, which has its roots as much in the "babooneries" of illustrated manuscripts as in the spiritual intensity of Turner or of Palmer. It is in this context, also, that he traces a national tradition through Constable and Cotman to the pre-Raphaelites until it emerges unimpeded in the neo-Romantics of the thirties and forties; the importance of this lineage lies not so much in its constituent parts but, rather, in its positive assertion that there is a native English tradition which has nothing to do with modernism or with Americanism.

Fuller cites Nash, Bomberg, Spencer, Moore, Sutherland and Piper as the great artists of the century who were united in their determination, or ability, to "depict the spiritual essence of things". At the same time he condemns the "cultural anaesthesia" of those artists and reviewers who simply parroted the fashionable doctrines of the last 30 or 40 years — saving his most vitriolic asides for those who have exhibited a slavish obeisance to American taste and who have, as a consequence, been prepared to find evidence of art in the most trivial activities.

All this is very helpful, and just, but there are occasions when Fuller overstates his theme. His concept of secular spirituality, for example, is not wholly convincing and seems to owe more to his evangelical childhood than any considered attitude. He is also too inclined to follow Ruskin and to conflate religion with the experience of nature and the practice of landscape painting. When he repeats St Hilary's question, "Who can look on Nature and not see God?" he should have reminded himself of the fact that many great artists and visionaries have paid no attention to Nature at all. William Blake, one of the great exemplars of any national spiritual tradition, considered it to be a delusion and denounced Wordsworth as an atheist for his pietistic attitude towards it. Fuller quotes with some scorn the words of the first director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Alfred Barr: "Since resemblance to nature is at best superfluous and at worst distracting, it might as well be eliminated": but it is at least conceivable that Blake would have agreed with him. It is not so far, after all, from the sentiment of Fuseli with whom Blake did agree: "Nature puts me out."

MODERN PAINTERS
Reflections on British Art
By Peter Fuller
Edited by John McDonald
Methuen, £25

But enough of Nature. Fuller is certainly right in his central emphasis — the importance of theoria (which was the title of his last published work), or vision, in the creation and understanding of art. It is most noticeably lacking in contemporary literature, for example, where fiction has tended to become a highly stylised form of journalism or satire; certain novelists, like many of the artists whom Fuller condemns, simply do not understand their limitations and are thus incapable of transcending them. And from that essential proposition spring many of Fuller's most interesting judgments: that is why, for example, he is able to locate and to celebrate the tradition of painting in this country and to discount American art as "already dead". (The same analysis might apply to the American novel which, although not moribund, is certainly in need of intensive care.)

But the resources of the national tradition are perhaps even more substantial than Fuller calculates, and his attack upon post-modernism misfires precisely because he does not realise that its essential constituents (theatricality and an awareness of the relativity of style) have always been an essential component of English taste. The Elizabethan vogue for medieval funereal monuments, the rise of neoclassical architecture, and the revival of Gothic in the 19th century all suggest that stylistic borrowings and a certain theatrical historicism are essential aspects of the native genius. Post-modernism is simply a belated academic recognition of what is a very old tradition.

But Fuller's criticism does suggest the strength which comes from having a theoria of his own, and his artistic judgments are on most occasions sound and convincing. There is a very interesting essay here on English drawing, for example, in which he examines Bomberg's description of "the spirit in the mass" (the implied religious terminology cannot have escaped him). But it is the mark of a good critic that he is as astute about contemporary art as he is about the old masters, and Fuller passes the test admirably — his essays on Frank Auerbach and David Hockney demonstrate his ability to recognise the essential qualities of two very different artists. He also has a strong historical sense (without which no critic can ever be competent), and makes some interesting analogies between Francis Bacon and Joshua Reynolds, Lucian Freud and Frans Hals, Maggi Hambling and George Frederick Watts. In an essay on Adrian Berg he illustrates a point which might even be the summary of his theme. "Parochialism", he writes, can be "a great source of strength." That is why he is able to attack that shallow internationalism which was once so much part of fashionable critical discourse.

He is often an astringent critic — at one point he calls himself "an absolutist and a dogmatist" — but he is a necessary corrective in a culture which has for too long suffered under a self-imposed sense of inferiority. In this context, too, it is important for artists to understand what he means when he calls for a return to "imaginative vision or revelation". Here, after all, is the voice of the authentic critic.

SARAH AINSLIE

Fuller: taking pride in a native tradition that has nothing to do with modernism or Americanism

How to divorce your duchess

A.L. Rowse

BROKEN LIVES
Separation and Divorce in England, 1660-1857
By Lawrence Stone
Oxford University Press, £16.95

"THE DEDICATED social historian is second cousin to the tabloid journalist." So says a candid colleague of Professor Lawrence Stone, who with his little crew of helpers at Princeton, has become a prime authority on the ups and downs of family life — downs rather than ups — in the period from Charles II to early Queen Victoria.

The third volume of a trilogy gives us a collection of case studies which, with its deplorable readability, appears like a series of miniature naughty novels covering the period. Stone notes that the earlier contributions suggest Defoe's *Moll Flanders*. The regency scandals remind us of prurient Fanny Hill, the Victorian story George Eliot's *Adam Bede* (Queen Victoria's favourite novel), or *Daniel Deronda*.

A word of warning is in place. These scandals relate to only a small minority of the population. If we are to regard them as social history, we must keep in mind that the vast majority rubbed along in harness well enough. We all like to read about the faults and failings of the eminent and socially conspicuous, and some of us to rejoice at their downfall (I don't). Down among the people the men had their own remedy, if that is the word for it, by running away from an unhappy marriage, into the army or to sea. Many were the deserted wives and families, and one must conclude that women had a raw deal.

Stone thinks that there was a "moral collapse" from the time of the Restoration and wonders why. This is a trifle heavy-handed — he is very thorough in his investigation but does not write with a feather pen. One may suggest, rather, that there was an understandable reaction from the rule of the puritan "saints". The court of Charles II was very unlike the domestic life of Oliver Cromwell.

Among much that is new, we have an addition to the *vie amoureuse* of the notorious Duchess of Cleveland (there was no duke). At 64 she was by no means retired, but was gunning for the handsome rake, Beau Feilding, or vice versa. They were a match for each other.

The later prime minister, the Duke of Grafton, was a grandson of this lady and Charles II — so how could he help himself? Such time as he could spare from the neglect of his official duties he spent in wenching and horse-racing. For five years he supported, or sported, the famous Nancy Parsons, whom so many found irresistible. He took her blithely around in public with him everywhere — except to church. In those days the tabloids wrote in verse, more amusingly:

A Statesman, who makes a whole Nation his care,
And a Nymph, who is almost as chaste as she's fair . . .
Was there ever a Nation so governed before
By a Jockey and Gambler, a pimp and a whore?

The duke and his duchess were sensible enough to part by collusion and compromise.

Others were not, and their stories are tragic. Stone has taken the trouble to visit Stockeld Park in Yorkshire, which Pevsner tells us is the most dramatic of the architect Paine's houses. This was the scene of the sad drama of the Middletons, a strictly Catholic household. The wife — at the height of her "libido", as Stone puts it — became infatuated with a handsome stable-groom. Apart from anything else, this was a social disgrace. The husband was at first incredulous, then reacted psychotically. He shot his wife's favourite horse, hanged her dog, closed down the house, and lived the rest of his life a recluse on the remote West Riding moors.

The Protestant Westmeaths were no more rational. But the lady was a Cecil, and would not accept the conventional double standard of the man having more freedom since he did not bear the offspring. The marriage had been one of affection, but ended in long litigious warfare costing a fortune. When later a Cecil married a Gascoigne heiress for her money, it worked quite happily. So what? Today people don't marry so much: it saves such expenses as divorce. Religion does not seem to have mattered in people's conduct in a supposedly religious age, nor does it figure in Stone's sociological spectrum.

A new feature for the Oxford University Press must be the unflinching appearance of four-letter words. However, the illustrations help largely to tell their tales. We can appreciate the unyielding implacability of the Cecilian lady and the slyly inviting expression of Nancy Parsons.

The life and travels of a Euro-sage

J.W.M. Thompson

THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON
A Critical Biography
By Robert DeMaria, Jr
Blackwell, £19.99

JOHNSON
By Pat Rogers
Oxford University Press, £4.99 pbk

Literary party at Sir Joshua Reynolds's house: Boswell, Johnson, Reynolds, Garrick, Burke, Paoli, Burney, Warton and Goldsmith

It was once suggested to Samuel Johnson that the circle of friends in his Literary Club needed some fresh recruits, because "we have travelled over one another's minds". His reply was, "Sir, you have not travelled over *my* mind, I promise you." Pat Rogers cites this pleasing exchange to convey the magnitude of his subject. It also answers a question which must puzzle some. Why should scholars write new biographies of Johnson, when he is already amply served by the great Boswell and many hundreds of other books? The answer lies in the scale of that mighty mind, which no book can "travel over" comprehensively, the largeness of character that went with it, and the fascination of the culture which he embodies. Johnson will continue to be written about as long as English literature lasts.

Robert DeMaria has written a learned and at times provocative work which undoubtedly adds to our understanding of the great man. He overcomes the Boswell problem simply, by making very little reference to Johnson's most famous friendship. There is a courteous tribute to "one of the most compelling and best-loved biographies ever written about anyone", but he rightly regards Boswell's Johnson as a literary creation rather than an exact likeness, and he is after the historical truth. The Johnson who emerges from this volume is thus rather different from the intellectual John Bull people tend to associate with Boswell's hero.

One of DeMaria's themes is that Johnson lived a life of enforced compromise. His true desire, he argues, was to be a Latin scholar-poet. He wished to belong to that late Latin European culture which transcended all national boundaries. Instead he was obliged to write for the English general reader in order to earn a living; and to this unwilling compromise DeMaria attributes the sense of failure which dogged Johnson to his death-bed. Even as a boy, his heroes came from that Latin literary world which he discovered in his father's Lichfield bookshop. They were such European polymaths as Poliziano, Heinsius and Scaliger. These are not the most familiar of names, I dare say, to many people who enjoy their Boswell today, but DeMaria reminds us of their high importance for Johnson.

Having established that Johnson was really a sort of Euro-sage, DeMaria tackles another tricky question involving national sentiment. A small, and it might be thought droll, difficulty for American admirers of Johnson (and they are legion) is that Johnson was no admirer of Americans. "I am willing to love all mankind, except an American," was one of his milder utterances. DeMaria, professor of English at Vassar College, does not shirk this. Such hostile remarks, he insists, were more to do with Johnson's well-known sympathy for the victims of colonialism and slavery than with his views on the merits of the modern American. Nor is it a surprise to find him noting with approval that Johnson "was not the male supremacist that Boswell and the 19th century depicted". We meet here, then, a Johnson who was an international scholar rather than the archetypal Englishman of popular imagination, who looked with a kindlier eye than many suppose on the professor's compatriots, and who wonderfully foreshadowed political correctness. Truly there are many aspects to this man.

The "Life" of the title is chiefly the life of Johnson's mind, which DeMaria explores with authority, concentrating upon his subject's vast literary output of which he has a profound knowledge. As a source of entertainment, this "Life" comes nowhere near its great predecessor. But it comes impressively close to that historical Johnson who was elevated by Boswell into a triumphant figure of national myth.

Pat Roger's *Johnson* achieves its aim by lucidity and brevity, while also drawing upon a mastery of Johnson's writings. As to the perennial interest of the man, Rogers observes that the mid-Hanoverian period will always be seen as the Age of Johnson and not of any other luminary. This is an excellent introduction to the man chosen by Carlyle for the role of hero as man of letters.

Erica Wagner

JOHNSON AND BOSWELL IN SCOTLAND
A Journey to the Hebrides
Edited by Pat Rogers
Yale University Press, £25

The lawyer was three-and-thirty; his friend, the man of letters, the author of the Dictionary, a few years over three score. They travelled together to Scotland and the Western Isles in the autumn of 1773, a journey which, in that year, would have been as arduous as a modern one to the Himalayas; and the land to which they travelled would have seemed nearly as remote — for all that Boswell was himself a "Scotchman".

This book is a combined account of their voyage. Johnson's *Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland* and Boswell's *Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* have, since their respective publications, been much compared and contrasted, but, as Pat Rogers remarks in his introduction, they have never been exactly comingled. The two accounts are presented here on facing pages — Johnson's in full, and Boswell's somewhat edited and restructured to fit. In addition, Boswell's manuscript version and Johnson's letters, mostly to Mrs Hester Thrale, have been drawn upon; leading to as complete a picture of their shared odyssey as we are ever likely to get at 220 years' remove.

The poet Anna Seward wrote admiringly to Boswell after his account was published in 1785, having found his book to be "a valuable counterpart" to Johnson's. "In one [Johnson's] we perceive, through a medium of solemn and sublime eloquence, in what light Scotland, her nobles, her professors, and her chieftains appeared to the august wanderer; in the other how the growling philosopher appeared to them." Laid side by side like this, her words ring truer than ever. Johnson keeps his charm and humour under wraps, for the most part, in his scholarly account of Scotland, though he is never less than edifying and engaging.

But it is Boswell who shows the man behind the scholar. If you want to know why Johnson "happened to have about him" Cocker's *Arithmetic* to give to a pretty highland girl, you will need Boswell to tell you. His voice always in the reader's other ear reveals not only Johnson without his mask but also, more poignantly perhaps, the real pleasure the two men found in each other's company. In all their 21 years of acquaintance, they were never together for so long a time as on this journey, and more is the pity for all concerned.

This skilfully edited edition makes of the reader a third traveller, fully able to appreciate both the landscape — not so much changed as one might imagine — and the company. Johnson would recall the tour as the "pleasantest part of his life", and Boswell would remark that he would not lose the recollection of it for £500; this new vision of their journey shows most clearly why.

Fast food earl creates copper-bottomed navy

Tom Pocock

THE INSATIABLE EARL
A life of John Montague, 4th Earl of Sandwich
By N.A.M. Rodger
HarperCollins, £20

The fourth Earl of Sandwich is mainly remembered for his account in 1772 of the invention of the food that bears his name: "A minister of state passed four and twenty hours at a public gaming-table, so absorpt in play, that, during the whole time, he had no subsistence but a bit of beef between two slices of toasted bread."

But the real importance of Sandwich was his 20 years spent as First Lord of the Admiralty at a time when the navy was not only the largest but the most important national organisation.

In the golden age of string-pulling, it was all too likely that that office might have been given to some political duke or toadying admiral. How fortunate that for so long it was accorded to a man of intelligence, practical knowledge and enthusiasm.

Rodger — who is also author of a remarkable study of the navy at that period, *The Wooden World* — is more academic historian than popular biographer. Lacking or disdaining the latter's knack of Polaroid portraiture, his large cast of aristocrats, quarrelling admirals and scheming politicians tends to remain somewhat monochromatic, but in this distinguished biography he brings the realities of their world into brilliantly sharp focus.

Like so many politicians and statesmen of his time, Sandwich was an aristocrat but he lacked the fortune upon which their power was based and had to manage without. The patronage he could, and did, exercise sometimes turned sour. One ambitious but embittered admiral tried to secure promotion by blackmailing Sandwich, for whom, he claimed, he had been asked to pimp. This was based solely on his having asked the admiral if he could arrange another meeting with a charming woman he had met at his dinner table. When a pushy young captain, who had enjoyed Sandwich's patronage, went too far in his demands for preferment, his patron dismissed him as "not only a rat but an idiot".

Rodger throws doubt on his supposed membership of the Hell-Fire Club. Sandwich was, in fact, a cultivated man and widely-travelled (hence the Turkish robes in which he liked to be painted) and he was credited with the revival of interest in Handel's music. His mistress of 17 years, Martha Ray, was a famous prima donna and her murder in Covent Garden was not by a jealous lover, as malicious gossip had it, but by a deranged admirer.

Sandwich was to be blamed, with reason, for some of the decisions which led to the loss of the American colonies. But Rodger shows that his decision to develop copper-bottomed warships — which, because they discouraged marine growth and the wood-boring shipworm, could outsail and outmanoeuvre conventional ones — was directly responsible for Rodney's important victory at the Battle of the Saintes.

However, the copper sheathing also concealed the state of the timbers beneath and major defects could eventually make themselves known suddenly and catastrophically. Also, since ships did not have to have their bottoms scraped, they could stay at sea longer, their companies deprived of shore leave and this Rodger links with the great mutinies of 1797.

The loss of the American colonies, Rodger believes, would have happened anyway. "What seemed like a disastrous defeat had cost the country very little but money and prestige," he writes, "for it had preserved for it the means for future power and greatness. First among these was a rebuilt and revivified navy." It was this magnificent navy that Sandwich bequeathed when he died in 1792, ready for the great war with revolutionary France which broke out a year later.

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Ben Macintyre considers whether David Koresh was a criminal fraud, a lunatic with a murderous deathwish or a genuine believer

Raking over Waco's ashes

FIRE AND BLOOD
The true story of the Waco siege
By David Leppard
Fourth Estate, £5.99 pbk original

PREACHER OF DEATH
By Martin King and Mark Breault
Signet. £4.99 pbk original

MASSACRE AT WACO
By Clifford L. Linedecker
Virgin, £5.99 pbk original

Before and after: the sect's compound which was under siege and (right) the burnt out remains

The crop of "instant" books that has sprung from the ashes of the Branch Davidian cult compound at Waco contain the expected mixture of sensational, superficial and serious journalism. The best of the three is by the *Sunday Times* journalist David Leppard, a concise, vivid account which treats the subject as seriously as it deserves while avoiding the jargon of the thriller-writer.

Preacher of Death is written jointly by a disgruntled ex-member of the cult and an Australian television journalist who interviewed cult-leader David Koresh in 1992. It is an account of the Davidians' early years which devotes only a few pages to the siege and was thus able to publish first.

Clifford L. Linedecker's book, *Massacre at Waco* begins: "Whisps of smoke began trailing upwards . . . in moments, while horrified law enforcement officers watched helplessly, the compound erupted in a volcano of flame and smoke . . ." It contains little new information and should be read, if at all, on an aeroplane.

Leppard is the only one to explore in any depth a question still being pondered by the American government team that has been investigating the incident outside Waco in which 87 cult members burnt themselves to death after holding the FBI at bay for 51 days. What sort of person was David Koresh, and what did he want?

There are, I think, three possible answers to that question. One is that Koresh was essentially a criminal, a calculating and manipulative egotist who found in his homemade religion a convenient cloak for his addictions to power, guns and the sexual exploitation of women and children. By this explanation Koresh hoodwinked his followers for his own gratification into believing he was Christ, without believing it himself, and was finally just a criminal fraud.

At the time, the FBI seem to have accepted this explanation, calculating that when the tanks were sent in with tear-gas Koresh would, like most criminals, cut his losses and surrender. They assumed, wrongly, that he was following the same rational rules that they were.

The second possibility is that Koresh was mad, a paranoid lunatic with a murderous death wish. Based on interviews with a series of psychologists involved in the case, Leppard argues that Koresh might have been a psychotic type known as a "berserker" who "sought to confirm his own rejection of the outside world by aggrandising his own death". The madman explanation is the one adopted by President Clinton, all tabloid newspapers and, with varying degrees of seriousness, these three books.

But a third, more problematic, yet to me more compelling explanation is possible. This is that Koresh was not mad, but a genuine religious zealot, who actually believed he was the son of God. There is a fine line between that sort of delusion and insanity, but there is still a line.

Koresh was not the first person in history (he is not even the only person in that part of Texas) to claim a direct line of communication with the Almighty. The fact that Koresh's brand of prophecy involved the stockpiling of weapons, paedophilia and extreme violence is less important to understanding the way this grim episode ended than the possibility that he genuinely believed in his own terrible message, and so did his followers.

This was what the FBI, and most other right-thinking Americans, could not come to terms with. They listened to his biblical rantings, which carried on right up until the moment the fire broke out, looked at the list of his crimes, and concluded he was either mad, or bad, or both. There is nothing in the FBI armoury to deal with faith: bizarre, horrible and fanatical faith that kills people and breaks the law, but faith nonetheless.

Had they realised just how committed the Branch Davidians were, the authorities might not have sent the tanks in. They might have arrested Koresh while he was out jogging, they might have tried to send in a Delta-Force team at night, or any one of a dozen other options rather than allow the Davidians to do exactly what their leader had always said they would do, namely perish in a fiery apocalypse.

Two memories remain with me most vividly from the Waco siege. One is the sight of the Davidian compound bursting into flames while the cows grazed placidly in the surrounding fields; the other is from a week or so earlier, when one of the Branch Davidians, a 17-year-old Australian who had been sent out by Koresh to spread his creed, was escorted, in shackles, to a waiting police van. The young man suddenly looked up, smiled, and shouted "I love David Koresh and I hope I'll see him again some day." I do not know what happened to this placid-looking lad to make him love a man like Koresh, but of this I am fairly certain: he still does, and he is still hoping to see him again.

Ben Macintyre reported the Waco siege for The Times.

Acidic house parties

Ian McIntyre

OTHER PEOPLE
Diaries, 1963-1966
By Frances Partridge
HarperCollins. £18

Frances Partridge: Bloomsbury survivor whose diaries reveal a sharp eye and an acerbic pen

Denizens of Old Bloomsbury are now as thin on the ground as veterans of Gallipoli, but here is a fourth diary volume from its oldest survivor. Frances Partridge's husband, Ralph, was an improbable recruit to that arrogant and androgynous coterie. He had won the MC in the war. He had declined a place in the Oxford boat because it would interfere with a planned holiday. He was also heterosexual.

The unlikely tale of how he wooed and wed Lytton Strachey's Carrington was told by Michael Holroyd in his masterly biography of Strachey. After Carrington's suicide, Partridge married Frances. This book chronicles three years in the mid-1960s after his death and that of their son.

She describes her double bereavement in a kaleidoscopic range of metaphor. "I'm constantly aware of being monstrously deformed by affliction. It is as if I was a pilot whose face had been horrifyingly mashed about in the war." In another passage she writes, "Oh yes, I feel the rough gravel of the bottom on which I crawl very distinctly — but it has not yet quite destroyed my senseless love of life."

That love finds its most attractive expression here in her accounts of foreign travel. Anyone who has indexed the works of Freud in 23 volumes obviously has stamina. Mrs Partridge's is severely tested on a series of journeys with friends, although anyone who drives round Asia Minor with Raymond Mortimer as navigator clearly also possesses a streak of recklessness.

Her descriptions of places are uneven. She is so excited by Russia that it takes "five hyperaesthetic days" to master her agitation. She is predictably ravished by what was then Leningrad, but has little of interest to say about it. Her account of Turkey, on the other hand, is lively and entertaining, although she finds Turkish "a comical Black Sambo language".

She retains in full measure the compulsive Bloomsbury passion for talk: "We got into exciting and deep waters of all sorts . . . There's nothing quite to equal the pleasure when two people together weave a cat's cradle of ideas." She has a sharp eye in company and an acerbic pen afterwards: Lady Snow is "a solid, noisy, avid little woman"; the historian Herbert Butterfield has "a flavour of unfrocked priest about him which I found slightly upsetting". Writing about young men, she often catches the accents of the many male homosexual friends with whom she spends much of her time: "An intelligent charming boy who had pretty teeth."

The self-portrait that emerges is unattractive, and she knows it, writing of her "shrivelling dislike" of her own character and allowing that she is sometimes "disagreeably aggressive". She is certainly so about religion. Her attitude to Christianity is one not simply of disbelief but of hostility, and she expresses it with vehemence.

Daughters of Bloomsbury have views about everything. Herodotus, she reflects over breakfast in Antalya, would not have been in sympathy with the "religious awe and humourless intoxication" with which people like Freya Stark respond to the classics. She is amused by his assertion that the semen of Ethiopians is black, but is disinclined to believe it.

Her interest in sexual matters is certainly catholic. She retails Gerald Brenan's views about orgasm, is offended at not being permitted to see the obscene paintings at Pompeii ("*non va bene per le donne*") and thinks it worth recording an absurd conversation in which she informs a friend that her generation talked of "copulation". "She gave a slightly distasteful wriggle and said, 'There's something elongated and Modigliani about it'."

She determined early in her bereavement to forget herself utterly and "sink into the concerns of other people" — a resolution hardly in the mainstream of the Bloomsbury tradition. To one widowed friend the sympathy is measured out in very small coffee spoons: "I am prepared to sympathise *ad lib* with her for the loss of Clive, but not greatly because the Jew who wants to take her flat tried to beat her down on the telephone . . . I think self-pity is the nearest to sexual pleasure that she has ever known."

Another glass of Barbera, dearest? Or would you prefer prussic acid?

Awkward neighbours

Claire Messud

ECLIPSE FEVER
By Walter Abish
Faber, £14.99

Abish: dazzling narrative

Walter Abish's third novel has been — like eclipses themselves — a long time coming. It is over a decade since his brilliant second novel, *How German Is It?*, was published in Britain, a decade during which Abish has not added to his slim but extravagantly praised oeuvre. *Eclipse Fever* is worth the wait. Not only does this novel provoke and inspire on an intellectual level; it is also a roaring great read.

The work of this postmodernist American master encapsulates Gertrude Stein's high modernist ethic of "serious play". In his self-conscious exploration of the nature and significance of language, as in his relations with his literary constructions, his characters, Abish is always playing — but it is a game where everything is at stake.

How German Is It? was set in a new town built on the site of a concentration camp and dealt with the effacement of history in post-war Germany. *Eclipse Fever* takes place largely in Mexico, and tackles the uncomfortable relationship between that country and the United States, their respective relationships to history and literature, and the relations of history and literature to each other.

The protagonist in a large and complicated cast of characters is Alejandro, a Mexican literary critic with seemingly no recollection of the past — "Do you erase everything you find disagreeable in your past?" asks his wife at the outset of the novel. However he experiences recurring Proustian moments, subconscious harkings to an untouchable, and possibly non-existent, Edenic time. Physically marked by the history of his nation — he looks like "those massive Toltec stone heads of the pre-Columbian period" — he seeks nonetheless to be wholly detached from it. His inner self is "an elegant post-Cortes gentleman", erudite and eclectic in his interests, who discourses as easily on art, architecture, history and film as he does on literature.

His American counterpart, in narrative terms, is a runaway teenager named Bonny, daughter of an American writer named Jurud who is having an affair with Alejandro's wife. Bonny truly is without a sense of the past. She believes, as her father has told her, that "history and fiction are interchangeable" — and once over the border she pays dearly for her naivety; but not before the eclipse she has come to Mexico to see on CNN from California.

America is busy trying to eclipse Mexico in other ways, too, under the auspices of Eden Enterprises, a firm run by a ubiquitous American Preston Hollier, who is busy, on the side, buying up the country's pre-Columbian artifacts for his amusement. It is of course inevitable that he should be inextricably and awkwardly linked with all these other characters.

Abish's greatest strength lies in interweaving the various registers on which the novel operates — linguistic, intellectual, narrative, emotional. Most novels are either novels of ideas, or style-led works or old fashioned plot-driven pieces: *Eclipse Fever* is all of these things, and it shows that there are, or can be, deep connections between them.

Behind closed doors

Tania Glyde

EYES
By Maggie Hemingway
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.99

Maggie Hemingway, who died last May aged 47, was a passionate evoker of nature and of place. For her, a human drama is never complete without reference to the tone of the sky or the colour of the sea. In her best-known work, *The Bridge*, she set a Victorian love story in the Suffolk marshes; in her last novel, *Eyes*, she has used four places, each in a different historical period.

The eyes of the title are nameless narrators, servants or children, who witness evil but can do nothing about it. In 16th-century Italy a duke and his weaselly adviser engineer his wedding to an unwilling young girl. Filippo, a handsome page, becomes entangled in their intrigues. In 19th-century Picardy the reed-cutters (one of whom can only communicate by gestures) watch the sickening disintegration of an ill-fated marriage in their town. In a genteel 1920s London boarding house, down-at-heel biddies cluck over the arrival of a young bounder, who divides them through his favouritism and ultimate dishonesty. Bitterness over old rivalries fuels hatred and plotting among elderly women in a seaside town in the 1970s. The narration switches back and forth among the four scenarios, speeding up until evil triumphs in a cascade of violence.

It is easy to find such literary devices gratuitous; why four interchanging plots, why not five, or ten? And there is no connecting theme, save a generalised concept of human wickedness. Yet *Eyes* still grips the reader, because it is carried by everyone's addiction to horror. Hemingway's horror is sensual; it grows behind closed doors and hearts. There is little actual gore, but plenty of sinister vibration, the "cold hanging cry of a bird". Isolation is almost a character in itself, "her scent fading slowly along with the bang of the front door".

The human trait which preoccupies the author is self-repression, which nature, in its constantly changing magnificence, seems to mock. It is necessary for survival, social and actual: among the duke's household, to preserve necks; for the frightened, watchful children who listen to the screams from the old fisherman's cottage; for the shabby-genteel ladies who shelter from the great emptiness that is their lives; or for Moira, who has not prospered like Nan, and is keenly aware of it.

Hemingway seems to choose the past as a vehicle because older, stricter societies are easier to criticise, and characters can be seen to suffer more obviously at a distance in time. The final victim in each case is a woman, one who cannot quite be controlled.

Living in fear of the mob

Paul Barker

GOLIATH
Britain's dangerous places
By Beatrix Campbell
Methuen. £9.99

Here, in rich detail, that excellent reporter Beatrix Campbell tries to make sense of what she calls the "riots" of 1991: three outbreaks of widely reported mayhem on housing estates in Cardiff, Oxford and Tyneside:

"These men live in a twilight world . . . They're lying around on the sofa in their boxer shorts, watching videos; they have their tea when it's put in front of them; then they go out twocing and burgling." "Twocing" (pronounced with a hard "c") is short for taking without owner's consent, the technical term for most car theft. Twocing and idle young men run like a dark thread through the book.

At Blackbird Leys estate, on the edge of Oxford, nightly displays of pyrotechnic joy-riding in twoc'd cars goaded the police into confrontation. At Meadow Well estate, on Tyneside, two young men were killed when they hurtled away from the police in their twoc'd Renault Turbo. In perverse retaliation, the criminal families who run Meadow Well torched local buildings. Asian shopkeepers were firebombed out.

But that summer it all began in Cardiff. On the Ely estate, twocing was just one of the little jobs you did on the side. The estate was propelled into the headlines by mob attacks on the local general store run by Abdul Waheed. He wanted to enforce a long-standing covenant whereby a newsagent neighbour would not sell bread. But the newsagent, a Maltese, wanted to sell it, regardless, and put up a notice accusing Waheed. Everyone in South Wales maintained that this made the devastating outcome "a bread riot". This sounds almost warm and friendly, like an episode in labour history. In fact, it was a race riot.

Unlike Brixton, Toxteth and Tottenham in the early eighties, these three eruptions have provoked little analysis so far. This is partly (as Campbell acknowledges) because they are hard to portray as supposedly just uprisings of the oppressed: of young blacks, in particular, against white police. Blackbird Leys and Meadow Well were scarcely riots at all, in the terms of the Public Order Act: namely, a collective disturbance for a common purpose. And Ely, though undoubtedly a riot, does not slot into liberal categories. Campbell thunders against Thatcherism's shopkeeper values. But this does not help her explain why Asians, with their own shopkeeper values, were the main victims in Ely and Meadow Well.

She is fascinated, perhaps despite herself, by the adrenalin drive behind it all. She has fine passages of horrific description, and has interviewed many of those involved. There is a wonderful Tom-Wolfeish chapter on the "Don" (in the Sicilian sense) in the stolen red Maestro, who taunted the Oxford police with his daring. She quotes Lampedusa from *The Leopard*: "their vanity is stronger than their misery." Not for her the explanations of poverty or boredom.

Mostly, she draws a feminist moral: she blames it all on the horrors of unbridled masculinity. Certainly, many young men on such estates have lost the traditional role of breadwinner, which has something to do with what has gone wrong. But she asserts that "Crime and coercion are sustained by men. Solidarity and self-help are sustained by women. It is as stark as that." Is it really?

I am left with the picture of young men outside a Meadow Well community centre, set up by and for local people. They had all but destroyed it by vandalism and thieving. One woman pensioner had a heart attack. When the ambulance came, they threw bricks at it. She only got to hospital when the police were called. It wasn't personal, they said.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Rowing pays tribute to Peter Coni

TRIBUTES poured in yesterday for Peter Coni, the highly-respected rowing administrator, who died of a heart attack at the age of 57 yesterday morning (Mike Rosewell writes). Martin Brandon-Bravo, the president of the Amateur Rowing Association, said: "He was probably the most respected man in the rowing world." Neil Thomas, Brandon-Bravo's predecessor who worked closely with Coni for many years, said: "You could always go to Peter for help and advice, no matter who you were. He established the good relationship between the ARA and Henley."

Di Ellis, the chairman of the ARA executive, said: "His most endearing quality was that he would listen and help. As a sport we were lucky that we he had his great talents available to us. He could have done so many things."

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Tough British task

TENNIS: Great Britain were yesterday given the difficult task of playing Spain, the top seeds, in the first round of the Federation Cup, the women's international team championship that starts in Frankfurt next week. The Spanish team includes the world No 3, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, and the No 6, Conchita Martinez, a Wimbledon semi-finalist this year. The British team — Clare Wood, Jo Durie, Amanda Grunfeld and Julie Salmon — will be captained by Ann Jones. Unless they pull off a shock win, the team will play the losers of the tie between Poland and Indonesia to keep their place in the main draw for next year's tournament. Steffi Graf, back from a holiday after winning Wimbledon, is likely to play for Germany, the holders, against Australia.

IAAF loses appeal

ATHLETICS: The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has lost an appeal against damages awarded to Butch Reynolds, the 400 metres world record-holder. A United States federal judge in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday reaffirmed the $27.4 million (£18.2 million) won by the American, who was banned by the sport's world governing body for allegedly using steroids. The IAAF had based its appeal on the grounds that an American court had no jurisdiction over the international body. "This is another vindication of my innocence," Reynolds said. "My reputation has been restored." The IAAF refused to comment.

Obstacles may change

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse trials course designers may need to amend table-fence obstacles, according to a working party that has been investigating recent rider deaths. The committee, chaired by the Badminton Trials director, Hugh Thomas, also makes recommendations about the siting of vertical fences and calls for improved hard hats and for better record-keeping on accidents. The investigation was launched after three recent equestrian deaths in less than a month. The committee, reviewing eight fatalities since 1982, found that half had occurred at table-fences.

America's Cup ban

YACHTING: The spying and counter-security measures that cost Bill Koch's successful America's Cup defence syndicate $4 million during last year's extravagant Cup series in San Diego are to be banned during the next America's Cup defence in 1996. At a meeting of challengers held at Cowes yesterday, 12 syndicates met Koch to discuss ways of reducing the cost of future campaigns and raising the profile of the event within the United States. Ernie Taylor, the manager of the challenge trials, said: "We have a huge problem to raise the event's television profile within America."

Ross leaves Town

FOOTBALL: Ian Ross has resigned as manager of Huddersfield Town, the second division side. Ross, 46, had 12 months of a two-year contract left to run. Neil Warnock, the former Notts County manager, is favourite to replace him. Andrew Legg, the winger valued at £400,000 by Swansea City, has rejected a move to Portsmouth and joined Notts County instead. Barnet, the second division club faced with extinction, today appeals against the ruling of a Football League commission to grant 11 players free transfers because they had not been paid. On Monday, clubs will vote on a motion to expel Barnet.

Rivalry resurfaces

ROWING: Long-established family rivalry will surface once more this evening when Scot Neicho, of Poplar, and David McCarthy, of Erith, make their first attempt to win Doggett's Coat and Badge. In 1963 Neicho's father, Michael, collided with Jerry McCarthy, the favourite, at London Bridge, allowing David Allen through to win. The first representatives of the next generation came into conflict in the 1991 Doggett's race when Jeremy McCarthy, nephew of Jerry, capsized at Southwark and Michael's son, Luke Neicho, battled through to success. Jeremy McCarthy won at his next attempt.

England all clear

HOCKEY: England, with most of their leading players available, expect to field a strong side against South Africa at Milton Keynes on August 15. The final selection will be made from a squad of 17, which includes Robert Thompson and Don Williams, who had taken time off for examinations, and Simon Hazlitt, who has now fully recovered from injury.

ENGLAND SQUAD: D Luckes (East Grinstead), J Barrow (Hounslow), R Hill (Havant), P Bolland (Hounslow), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Potter (Hounslow), J Laskett (Teddington), S Hazlitt (Hounslow), Amarjit Degun (Barford Tigers), Kalbir Takher (Cannock), D Williams (Havant), R Thompson (Hounslow), R Garcia (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), R Welch (Southgate), P McGuire (Teddington)

Perkins's hot pace

SWIMMING: Kieren Perkins, of Australia, the Olympic 1,500 metres freestyle champion, set a world short-course record of 14min 26.52sec in Auckland, New Zealand, yesterday. He shaved more than six seconds off his previous best. In becoming the first to lap each 100 metres in under 58sec, Perkins was more than a second faster per 100 metres than it took Johnny Weissmuller to win the individual 100 metres at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris.

☐ Chester Kozolwski, who competed in the Paris Games, now 85, is among the 2,500 entries for the Barnet Masters competition at the Barnet Copthall sports centre in north London tomorrow and Saturday.

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Britain's Wimbledon hero reaps reward after years of painful struggle

Bailey keeps feet firmly on ground

It is back to business for Britain's rising hope. **Stuart Jones**, *tennis correspondent*, catches up with him

IAN STEWART

Taking centre stage: Bailey relishes the responsibility heaped upon his shoulders as he climbs back up the world rankings

THE British tennis player who most illuminated Wimbledon was yesterday back on the centre court, not at the All-England Club but at the Castle Farm Centre in South Gosforth on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne. Work has returned to normal for Chris Bailey.

The 25-year-old from Norfolk can no longer exist anonymously. He admits that his life has "changed for ever" after the events of three weeks ago when he tantalised more than 13,000 spectators during his match against the fifth seed, Goran Ivanisevic.

But his daily duties are of a contrastingly basic nature. After practising indoors and briefly outside, the British No 3 had to wait to see whether the rain would cease and allow him to play against Andrew Foster in front of a few hundred cold and damp observers. Their wait ended when play was called off at 4pm: a 10am start was scheduled for today to try to make up the backlog.

Most of the hardy spectators, particularly the teenage girls, had come to worship their new idol. Bailey obliged as best he could, signing dozens of autographs and posing for the odd photograph within the warmth of the cosy clubhouse. It was all a world away, geographically and meteorologically from the scene of his greatest failure.

"I have to remind myself and others that I lost," he says. Nevertheless, he won confidence. He feared that, on his first appearance in the famous arena, he might either freeze or be blasted off court by Ivanisevic's serve. Instead, undaunted, he became a national hero.

Foster reached the last 16 but the Wimbledon highlight was seen on the first Thursday. It was formed not so much by the nonchalance of Ivanisevic, who saved a match point with an ace on a re-taken second serve, but by the reaction of his opponent. Bailey's radiant smile beamed across the court and ten million television sets.

In an age when top professionals are invariably sombre and colourless as well as too often foul-mouthed, Bailey's attitude is particularly appealing. "That's me," he said. "I'm relaxed and happy." Anyone who imagines that his philosophy borders on complacency should be reminded of the difficulties he has had to overcome.

Those of a squeamish nature may not care for the next couple of paragraphs. He himself winces as he recalls the painful recuperation he endured after the cruciate ligament in his right knee was severed. As he attempted to change direction during a tournament in Croydon three years ago, he heard a loud snap.

An operation, similar to Paul Gascoigne's, was performed and when he saw the result, a joint that appeared to be "a swollen blob" disfigured by a lengthy diagonal scar, he wept. Only then did he momentarily imagine that his career might be over. His troubles were not.

The knee ballooned. An antibiotic drip, attached for four days, failed to alleviate the problem and morphine had to be injected every 20 minutes to minimise the pain. In a second operation, a litre of fluid was removed as well as a large blood clot. "Had that gone into the system, I could have died," he said.

He lived for six months at Lilleshall, the national rehabilitation centre, and underwent another operation, to remove scar tissue, before he could learn to walk again. "Nobody can ever say that I didn't want it," he says, remembering the match point he held. "Look at what I went through to get there."

He may not have gone as far as Foster at Wimbledon but he made a bigger impact. By the following morning so many sponsors were expressing interest, some offering "frightening amounts of money" that he sought the advice of an agent, Clifford Bloxham, to sift through the choices laid before him.

Two deals have already been signed, with Schweppes and Chrysalis. Another, shortly to be officially announced by NCR, is expected to link him with two of the leading juniors in the country. He finds the idea of supporting youths especially welcome.

Whereas Jeremy Bates had to bear the burden of expectation for so long on his own, there is now a group of promising individuals who "take the pressure off each other". The evident camaraderie, which has developed between them, contributed to the success at Wimbledon and to optimism for the future.

As well as Chris Wilkinson, who withdrew from the Northern Electric Open in Newcastle because of injury, Mark Petchey, Ross Matheson, Foster and himself, Bailey is aware of Jamie Delgado lurking in the background and also Tim Henman, "who I think will be very good".

Before his knee collapsed, Bailey was fulfilling his own potential. At the age of 21, he was ranked 126th in the world. This week he climbed 41 places up to 199th, after winning the tournament in Bristol where he attracted so much interest that additional seating was installed for the final.

"It was important for all of us to do well there, to show that Wimbledon was not just a flash in the pan. It makes it easier for us, too, when you know that people are interested in what you are doing."

His own following has grown to such proportions that he has brought in a friend to handle his mail. Some has been sent to Newcastle. Doubtless, he will continue to be contacted in Canada, Chicago, Istanbul, Segovia and the Bronx, his intended destinations before the US Open qualifying competition in six weeks' time.

"There is a lot of flying," as he puts it, in his job, but the feet of the amiable 6ft 5in giant are rooted to the earth. "I come from a stable background and, if I ever became egotistical, my parents would give me a huge smack around the head." Presumably, as long as they could reach it.

Foster: new force

Petchey: contender

Labegorce impose superiority quickly

BY JOHN WATSON

ELLERSTON White, having suffered defeat in the quarter-finals of the British Open polo championships for the Davidoff Gold Cup, continued their career in the lower echelon of the tournament at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday against Hector Perrodo's team, Labegorce, in the semi-final of the contest for the tournament's Jack Gannon trophy. They lost 5-13.

Since the Labegorce No 1, Barney Webb, had been promoted to a three handicap after the entries for the championships were declared, his squad aggregated 23, which gave Ellerston a handicap start of one. Labegorce, however, promptly showed their superior mettle, equalising in the first chukka and then remaining ahead throughout.

The match was played in teeming rain, which produced a sluggish and slippery ground, strewn with divots, and a slow ball, but it was still impressive to witness a match in which each side fielded two ten-handicap Argentinians, Marcos and Horacio Heguy for Labegorce, Gonzalo Pieres and Adolfo Cambiaso for Ellerston.

The problem with such deployment is that the other players are inclined to be ignored and there is little marking or passing except between the South American players.

The two Davidoff Gold Cup semi-finals will be played at Cowdray Park this afternoon.

LABEGORCE: 1, B Webb (2); 2, M Heguy (10); 3 H Heguy (10); Back, H Perrodo (1).
ELLERSTON WHITE: 1; S Downey (1); 2; A Cambiaso (10); 3; G Pieres (10); Back; K Packer (1)

Money no object to host cities as Buffalo struggles to break even

DAVID MILLER
At the World Student Games

The victory of the Cuban women's basketball team over the United States at the World Student Games in Buffalo may not be a talking point in Britain, but it has knocked introspective, self-congratulatory American collegiate sport into a dither. All to the good, say many.

Over the first two days of these games, of 17 headlines in the sports coverage of the Buffalo News, no fewer than 14 mentioned the United States. Fasten your seatbelts for a further bout of chauvinistic turbulence at Atlanta in three years' time, just like at Los Angeles in 1984. However, it is expected that in the athletics, which began yesterday, Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, the double Olympic sprint silver medal-winner, will silence American ambitions in that area.

Before 1996, the nineteenth World Student Games will have taken place, this being a biennial event. What is startling is that there are three host cities queuing up to pay in advance for the privilege of being host to the international federation of student sport (Fisu).

Primo Nebiolo, president of both the International Amateur Athletic Federation and Fisu, having negotiated an astonishing $90 million (about £67 million) in television income for top-flight athletics, has now achieved something equally exceptional, in its way, for the relatively anonymous student games.

Never mind that the Sheffield Games' operational budget in 1991 overran by £11 million, or that Buffalo is struggling to break even, Fukuoka (1995), Sicily (1997) and Palma Majorca (1999) are all lined up to host the summer student games and are paying Fisu between £2 million and £3.33 million for the privilege beforehand. Sicily — spreading the games between Palermo, Messina and Catania — and Palma are paying Fisu by instalments.

What this tells us is not that the three cities in Japan, Italy and Spain have an ideological devotion to student sport, but that they see in the games an opportunity to develop facilities that would otherwise not be created. This, of course, was true of Sheffield, which made a capital investment in excess of £100 million, the benefit of which will not become fully apparent for ten to 15 years.

"The investment is proving to be worthwhile," Graham Solley, head of Hallam University (Sheffield) recreation services and a Fisu vice-president, said. "The European swimming championships are in Sheffield next month, and the qualifying tournament for the Winter Olympic ice hockey tournament will be at the Arena, where Sheffield Steelers play to full houses."

In addition to having host guarantees for the next three summer games, Nebiolo has also negotiated three winter games for the same years in Jaca, Spain — unsuccessful bidders for the 1998 Winter Olympics — Seoul, South Korea, and Lillehammer, Norway, host to the Winter Olympics next year. This optimism runs in the face of all the signals coming from the sports sponsorship market, which suggests a continuing and steepening decline.

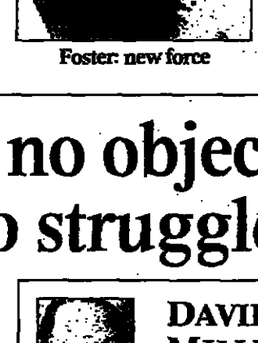
Yet such is the competitive success of the student games, in terms of mounting entries, that a limitation will have to be imposed similar to that of the Olympic Games. Buffalo, with numbers a third up on Sheffield, was struggling at midnight last week to accommodate countries such as Slovenia, which arrived with a team twice as big as its initial application. For the first time the student village is on a campus, that of the University of Buffalo.

"Maybe it will be necessary to have limitations," Nebiolo said, "but we are not a big enough organisation to arrange qualifying tournaments. In basketball, for example, we have 30 teams. Everywhere, sport is increasing in numbers and in image, becoming ever more important."

Buffalo's motivation for staging the games was not dissimilar to Sheffield's. It is a northern city with an image of bad weather which enjoyed prominence in the early 1900s as a major border town but is now eager to please absent visitors. You could feel the town swelling with pride when 80,000 people turned up for the opening ceremony.

"There were three objectives bringing the games here," Burt Flickinger, the games chairman, said. "First, the predicted economic impact of $150 million (about £113 million) for west New York State, second, an event that would bring the media of the world and help recreate the city's image, and third, leave a legacy of facilities that would attract future national and international events. The games will have been a definite success and we are delighted with the number of competitors and the 1,500 media representatives who have come, where we had hoped for maybe 700."

Buffalo has worked to a budget of $34 million (about £25m), and without any television income, having had to pay ESPN, a cable network, to cover six hours live, the organisers then carrying the responsibility of selling for their own benefit, the advertising. "We've a good chance of reaching break-even," Flickinger said.



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Unheralded amateur takes unconventional route in pursuit of world record

Flying Scotsman an hour from fame and fortune

Andrew Longmore on Graeme Obree, a Scot hoping to join the legends of cycling tomorrow

The one-hour world record in cycling is an unglamorous Everest which tempts only the bravest and defeats all but the toughest. It is a measure of machismo, a test of mind-numbing intensity and physical endurance unrecognised outside the sport and worshipped within it. Eddie Merckx and Jacques Anquetil, both five times winners of the Tour de France, have held the record, which was last broken by the former world champion, Francesco Moser.

The great Italian's record of 51.151 kilometres has stood for nine years as a monument to pain, but if Graeme Obree, from Ayr, can take wing tomorrow on a home-made machine which cost no more than a child's tricycle to build, he will break it and be elevated to the company of legends, a true amateur among professionals.

Had the record been awarded on the grounds of perseverance, obstinacy, eccentricity and downright perversity, Obree, a 27-year-old part-time marketing consultant, mushroom picker, employment trainee and cycling phenomenon would already be home and dry. He deserves to be granted the honour for audacity alone. Few would dare to challenge the record in the first place, let alone pedalling a contraption made from old tubing, a bracket from a washing machine and scraps from the streets of Ayr.

But Obree has not endured years of penny-pinching nor persisted with a style of riding which has brought derision to be deflected by mere reputation and he has every right to feel confident of success.

Last week, at the indoor velodrome in Hamar, near Oslo, where his attempt begins tomorrow, the flying Scotsman broke Moser's world record in an unofficial dress rehearsal, claiming 51.525 kilometres. "I was training anyway, so I thought I may as well have a go. It was strange. When I stepped off the bike, I'd gone faster than any man over the distance and yet there was complete silence. Just the time on the clock. But I learnt more in an hour than I could have done training for a month and it gave me confidence. Now I know I'm not just going for the world record, I've actually done it," he said.

Should he repeat the feat officially, Obree will have achieved far more than the simple matter of riding faster than anyone else for one hour. He will have championed the cause of the unknown sportsman everywhere and dealt a blow to the hallowed traditions of cycling.

From the moment he turned up at the local cycling club at the age of 15 dressed in Doc Martens and parka jacket, Obree has challenged convention. He took up the sport to find freedom on the open road, but since becoming the Scottish junior time-trial champion, two years later, has switched his restless attention to a quest for perfection.

The search has taken him down some strange byways. Take his bike. More Heath Robinson than hi-tech, but the product of a logical mind. "It may not seem like it, but it is hi-tech. In design not engineering and it's design that counts," he said.

To aid aerodynamics, the distance between the two pedals has been narrowed and the handlebars twisted upwards so that Obree can ride in his favoured right-angled crouch, hands moulded to his sides like a downhill skier in the tuck position. Obree, who first adopted the method in 1986, has proved its worth — to his own satisfaction, at least — by breaking the British one-hour record three times in the past four years. "It cuts down wind resistance and you can get a better hold of the handlebars so you don't wobble around so much." Until he shattered his own British one-hour record at Herne Hill five weeks ago, others had needed rather more convincing. "I've been laughed at for years by people I kept beating week after week. Only now are they beginning to think I might be on to something," Obree said.

Like solo yachtsmen, time trialists are a breed apart. They are the macho men of the sport, craggy, windswept, happy in their own company, gaining solace only from their relentless battle against the clock. But, even for the most hardened veteran, the one-hour record represents a peculiar form of masochism. Obree will lap the Hamar track roughly 208 times to achieve the record, keeping his eyes fixed firmly on his front wheel and the black line on the track. "It's like going to the dentist and having to drill your own teeth. You've got to motivate yourself because there's no one else to do it for you. There are no landmarks. Time seems to go so much slower. It's a fair degree of torture, but that's what makes it so respected. It is always the hard men of the sport who go for it."

Obree has plenty of personal incentives to succeed. On July 23 the Olympic gold medal-winner, Chris Boardman, who has received much of the backing and acclaim denied to Obree, will tackle the same record on a track in Bordeaux.

The pair are not the best of friends. But, more important, being a world record-holder would open doors to fame and fortune for Obree and reward his growing family for years of their own endurance, which lends an understandable air of desperation to his own assessment of the task. "This is the biggest single test of my life. I've simply got to get this record."

THE DIFFERING STYLES FOR THE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

Graeme Obree's handlebars are twisted upwards so that he can ride in a right-angled crouch, hands moulded to his sides like a downhill skier in the tuck position. The pose cuts down wind resistance and wobble. Chris Boardman favours a more conventional flat back style, with hands forward on extended handlebars

Angular approach: Obree displays the distinctive method he will use in his attempt on the one-hour record

Induráin leaves rivals with mountain to climb

By Our Sports Staff

MIGUEL Induráin was widely expected to retain his Tour de France title this year, but nobody could have guessed he would all but done so before the three-week marathon had even reached its half-way point. Nevertheless, yesterday the incredible Spaniard may have all but wrapped up his third successive Tour victory with an extraordinary display of cycling in the first Alpine stage of the 1993 race.

After stamping his authority with an irresistible performance in Monday's time-trial at Lac de Madine, claiming the yellow jersey in the process, Induráin negotiated the 127.5-mile tenth stage from Villard-de-Lans to Serre Chevalier as if it were a training ride. He eventually finished third behind Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, and Alvaro Mejia, of Colombia, but more important was the distance he put between himself and his most serious rivals.

His closest in the overall standings, Eric Breukink, of Holland, trailed in 3min 31sec behind. Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, finished 6min 56sec after him, Gianni Bugno, of Italy, the world champion, was almost eight minutes behind and Claudio Chippucci, another Italian, was even further back.

The péloton broke up on the 2,645m Galibier climb, with Rominger, Mejia, Induráin, Zenon Jaskula, of Poland, and Andy Hampsten, of the United States, leading a breakaway that the pack could not claw back. Jaskula and Hampsten eventually slipped back and only when the finishing line was almost in sight did Induráin ease up to allow Rominger the space to claim the stage win. Induráin now leads the event by 3min 8sec in front of Mejia. Breukink and Rominger are more than five minutes behind the Spaniard.

Wilfried Nelissen, of Belgium, who wore the yellow jersey briefly last week, had other problems on his mind yesterday: the regional government of Flanders decided to postpone a decision on whether to suspend Nelissen after traces of amphetamines were found in a test following the Schelt Prix race in April. He finished second behind Mario Cippolini, of Italy, in the race.

RESULTS (tenth stage, Villard de Lans to Serre-Chevalier, 203km): 1, A Rominger (Switz), Clas, 5hr 28min 52sec; 2, A Mejia (Col), Motorola; 3, M Induráin (Sp), Banesto, both same time; 4, Z Jaskula (Pol), GB MG, at 1min 13sec; 5, A Hampsten (US), Motorola, same time; 6, E Breukink (Hol), ONCE, at 3:32; 7, O Rincon (Col), Amaya, same time; 8, R Virenque (Fr), Festina, 4:35; 9, R Conti (It), Ariostea, 10, J Mauleon (Sp), Clas, both same time; 11, A Martin (Sp), Amaya, 4:37; 12, C Mottet (Fr), Novemail, 5:04; 13, P Delgado (Sp), Banesto; 14, T Claveyrolat (Fr), GAN; 15, L Cubino (Sp), Amaya, all same time; 16, T Bourguignon (Fr), Castorama, 6:04; 17, M Martinez (Sp), ONCE, 6:57; 18, Alex Zülle (Switz), ONCE, same time; 19, S Rasmussen (Denmark), Ariostea, 7:21; 20, L Fignon (Fr), Gatorade, 7:42. British and Irish placings: 27, S Roche (Ire), Carrera, 8:49; 66, S Yates (GB), Motorola, 21:42; 67, R Millar (GB), TVM, same time.

Overall: 1, Induráin, 40hr 58min 17sec; 2, Mejia, at 3min 8sec; 3, Jaskula, at 4.16; 4, Breukink, 5:07; 5, Rominger, 5:44; 6, Hampsten, 8:08; 7, Mottet, 8:44; 8, Ras, 9:55; 9, G Bugno (It), Gatorade, 10:14; 10, Zülle, 11:09; 11, Delgado, 11:13; 12, Roche, 12:59; 13, A Elli (It), Ariostea, 13:01; 14, R Alcala (Mex), Wordperfect, 13:21; 15, Bourguignon, 13:38, 16, C Chappucci (It), Carrera, 13:56; 17, V Poulnikov (Ukr), Carrera, 14:57; 18, Fignon, same time; 19, Martin, 15:28; 20, J-F Dopes (Fr), Festina, 16:43. British placings: 74, Yates, 31:25; 78, Millar, 33:18.

Today's stage: Serre-Chevalier to Isola (180km).

Norwich delighted to go Dutch

By Keith Pike

NORWICH City's delight at being involved in European football competition for the first time was not dispelled when the draw for the first round of the Uefa Cup was made in Geneva yesterday.

Norwich avoided Atlético Madrid, the top seeds in their eight-strong group — Heart of Midlothian have that privilege — but were paired with the second seeds, Vitesse Arnhem, from Holland. "We could not have had a better draw," Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, said. "It's a club of about our size, it's easy for us to get to and it's a nice place and a famous city."

While Norwich have much to look forward to — especially as they missed out on Europe twice during the five-year ban on English clubs — Aston Villa will embark on their seventh campaign with foreboding. Having seen his side draw Slovan Bratislava, from Slovakia, Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, said: "Of all the English teams, I think we have got the toughest draw." In their last Uefa Cup campaign two years ago, Villa beat another former Czechoslovakian side, Banik Ostrava, in the first round before going out to Internacionale.

A record 148 teams, including representatives of Croatia, Israel and the former Soviet republics for the first time, featured in the draw for the three competitions, with Hearts the last to be included. They were only admitted on Tuesday, when two Polish sides implicated in a match-rigging scandal were expelled, and will fancy their chances against Atlético, whose financial problems have forced them to sell Paulo Futre, the Portugal forward, and Bernd Schuster, the Germany international.

"Our players were deeply disappointed at being out of Europe and to find ourselves not only in the Uefa Cup but against opponents of this calibre is marvellous news," Sandy Clark, the Hearts manager, said.

Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, was "quite satisfied" with being drawn against Young Boys, of Berne. Dundee United face the Danish side, Brondby. The three Scottish sides in the Uefa Cup were drawn to play the first leg at home but the ties involving Celtic and Dundee United were later switched.

Both Arsenal and Aberdeen should progress to the second round of the Cup Winners' Cup, having been drawn against the winners of preliminary-round ties. Arsenal are likely to face Odense, from Denmark, who play Publikum, of Slovenia, while Aberdeen face a trip to either Iceland or Finland. Cardiff City have a difficult task against Standard Liège, of Belgium.

DRAW FOR EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS

* denotes seeded club

EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round: HJK Helsinki v Norma Tallinn (Est), Ekranas (Lith) v Floriana (Malta), Tofir 868 (Faeroe Islands) v Croatia Zagreb; Skonto Riga (Lat) v Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia); Cwmbran Town v Cork City; Dynamo Tbilisi (Georgia) v Linfield; Avenir Beggen (Lux) v Rosenborg (Nor), Partizani Tirana (Alb) v Akranes FC (Ice), Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) v FC Aarau (Switz); Zimbru Kishinev (Moldavia) v Betar Jerusalem. First round: *Galatasaray (Tur) v Bremen (Ger) v Dynamo Minsk (Belarus), Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) v *Barcelona; *Maritsa v AEK Athens, Kispest-Honved v *Manchester United; *Rangers v Levski Sofia (Bul), AIK Stockholm v *Sparta Prague (Cz Rep), Dynamo Tbilisi or Linfield v *FC Copenhagen, HJK Helsinki or Norma Tallinn v *Anderlecht; Partizani Tirana or Akranes v *Feyenoord; *Steaua Bucharest (Rom) v Tofir 868 or Croatia Zagreb; Avenir Beggen or Rosenborg v *Austria Wien; *FC Porto (Por) v Ekranas or Floriana, Skonto Riga or Olimpija Ljubljana v *Spartak Moscow; Omonia Nicosia or FC Aarau v *AC Milan; Lech Poznan (Pol) v Zimbru Kishnev or Betar Jerusalem.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round: Karpaty Lvov (Ukr) v Shelbourne; RAF Jelgava (Lat) v Havnar HB (Faeroe Islands); Sliema Wanderers (Malta) v Degerfors (Swe); Bangor (N Ire) v Apoel Nicosia (Cyp), Marsaxlokk Hafa (Ice) v Dudelango (Lux); Valur (Ice) v MYPA Anjalankoski (Fin), Balzano (Liech) v Albpetrol (Alb), Nikol Talinn (Est) v Lillestrom (Nor), FC Kosice (Slovakia) v Zalgiris Vilnius (Lith), FC Lugano (Switz) v Neman Grodno (Belarus), OB Odense (Den) v Publikum (Slovenia). First round: *CSKA Sofia (Bul) v Albpetrol or Balzano; *Real Madrid v Lugano or Neman Grodno; *Torpedo Moscow (Russ) v Dudelango or Maccabi Haifa, *Besiktas (Tur) v Kosice or Zalgiris Vilnius, *Panathinaikos (Gr) v Karpaty Lvov or Shelbourne, OB Odense or Publikum v *Arsenal, *Universitatea Craiova (Rom) v RAF Jelgava or Havnar HB; FC Innsbruck Tirol (Austria) v Ferencvaros (Hun); *Standard Liège (Bel) v Cardiff City, Apoel Nicosia or Bangor (N Ire) v *Paris Saint-Germain, Hajduk Split (Cro) v *Ajax; Nikol Talinn or Lillestrom v *Torino, *Benfica (Por) v GKS Katowice (Pol), *Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) v Zbrojovka Brno (Cz Rep), Sliema Wanderers or Degerfors v *Parma (It); Valur or MYPA Anjalankoski v *Aberdeen

UEFA CUP: First round: Twente Enschede (Holl) v *Bayern Munich Bohemians v *Bordeaux, Young Boys BSC (Switz) v Celtic, AaB Aalborg (Den) v Deportivo La Coruña (Sp), Norwich City v *Vitesse Arnhem (Holl), Heart of Midlothian v *Atlético Madrid, Slavia Prague (Cz Rep) v OFI Crete (Gr), US Luxembourg v Bezavita (Port), IFK Norrkoping (Swe) v *KV Mechelen (Bel), Nantes (Fr) v *Valencia (Sp), Karlsruhe SC (Ger) v PSV Eindhoven; FC Reykjavik (Ice) v MTK Budapest (Hun), Dynamo Moscow v *Eintracht Frankfurt; Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) v *Waregem (Bel), Crusaders v Servette (Switz), Brondby (Den) v Dundee United, Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) v *Aston Villa, *Borussia Dortmund v Spartak Vladikavkaz (Russ), Lazio (It) v Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bul), Osters IF (Swe) v Kongsvinger (Nor), *Admira Wacker (Austria) v Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (Ukr), *Internazionale (It) v Rapid Bucharest; Botev Plovdiv (Bul) v Olympiakos (Gr), VAC Samsung (Hun) v Apollon Limassol (Cyp); Kocaelispor (Tur) v *Sporting Lisbon, *Juventus v Lokomotiv Moscow; Austria Salzburg v Dac Dunajska Streda (Slovakia), Gloria Bistrita (Rom) v Maribor Branik (Slovenia), Tenerife v *AS Monaco, *Royal Antwerp v CS Maritimo (Por), Trabzonspor (Tur) v Valetta (Malta); Dinamo Bucharest v Cagliari (It)

Preliminary-round matches on August 17 or 18 (first leg) and August 31 or September 1 (second leg). First-round matches on September 14 or 15 (first leg) and September 28 or 29 (second leg)

Brasilia's bid in jeopardy

BRASILIA may be asked to withdraw its bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, a move that may help Manchester when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) votes on September 23.

There is concern that the continued presence of Brasilia might distort the voting among the 93 IOC members, with some South American members feeling honour bound to support the candidature. This could lead to a stronger candidate, which does not have a loyalty vote, being eliminated.

On the final day of his visit to Britain yesterday, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, described the bid by Brasilia as "very weak", an opinion shared by an inquiry commission in its report, published on Monday, on the technical qualities of the six candidates.

Samaranch said: "We asked them to withdraw once, maybe we will ask again. If they do not have the support of sport in the country, maybe it is better they withdraw."

Full ahead for fast time

By Barry Pickthall

DAVID Scully and Steve Fossett, the two Americans leading the Teesside two-man Round Britain and Ireland race, set out from Lerwick yesterday afternoon intent on maintaining their record-breaking schedule to complete the 2,000-mile circumnavigation inside the time of seven days seven hours taken by Francois Boucher's 75ft multihull, Saab Turbo, four years ago.

For Scully, who was in Buddy Melges's Heart of America Cup campaign off Fremantle in 1987, this race is just one in a long list of professional sailing events that have included winning his class in the two-handed transatlantic race and the Mondial catamaran challenge through the Tahitian islands two years ago.

For Fossett, a successful commodity trader from Chicago, however, this race and the purchase of Florence Arthaud's 60ft record breaking trimaran he has renamed Lakota, has open up fresh horizons in his search for competitive adventure.

At the age of 49, he has turned his back on the financial world to devote a few years to doing the things most people only dream about.

Four weeks ago he was racing at Le Mans, having already ticked off the 24-hour race at Daytona and the Sebring 12-hour classic.

Fossett has also made two attempts at climbing Mount Everest, only to be thwarted both times by ill health. He spent six weeks last year training himself and a set of dogs, and completed the Iditarod solo dogsled race from Anchorage across the Alaska mountains to Nome on the Bering Strait.

Fossett first met Scully two years ago, athough the two had both worked on the floor of the Chicago stock exchange, and decided to team up for the Baja 1000, racing a 450hp dune buggy across the deserts of New Mexico.

They took over their Formula One multihull just a week before the start of the Teesside race. "Our 300-mile proving trial was done in almost complete calms and the first heavy weather we experienced was during this race," Scully said.

"It's an unforgiving boat and we have torn some sails and broken gear simply because we did not know her idiosyncrasies," Fossett said.

For rookies in big multihull sailing they have not done too badly. After making an inauspicious start from Plymouth a week ago, they clipped seven hours off Robin Knox-Johnston's record time for the second stage of the race from Crosshaven to Barra, and are more than five hours up on Boucher's record pace.

Now more than a day ahead of their closest rivals at the halfway stage, the Americans have only to keep their boat in one piece to win the race.

Will they break the record? "That depends on the wind," Scully said. Win or lose, they intend to team up again for next year's two-handed transatlantic race.

SPORTING RECORD

OVERALL (GB unless stated): 1, Lakota (D Scully and S Fossett, US), 4 days 3hr 57mn; 2, Savarelles Challenge (B Thompson and H Darvelid), 5:12:45; 3, Enif (R Tolfsen and P Fosli), 5:18:27; 4, CAB 3 (M Gatehouse and M Carter), 5:17:52. Other leading positions (after two legs): Class 1: 4, Global Challenger (T Bullmore and K Pehl), 3:13:50; 5, Tundi Rucanor Sport (D Gunst and M Kleinjans, Bel), 3:15:55; 6, Ghoster (B and U Lyman, Den), 5:12:38. Class 2: 1, Jusqu 'Au Bout du Monde (L Stanken and P Carpentier, Fr), 3:12:31. Class 3: 1, Magic Machine (R Everdij and A Valen, Hol), 5:01:32. Class 4: 1, Sealark (S Van Hagan and R Jaspers, Hol), 4:02:07; 2, Ours de Berne (T Lutz and H Albrecht, Swiz), 5:13:13; 3, ROC (K and D Hampton), 5:19:33. Class 5: 1, Silverallas Challenge, 3rd leg finished; 2, Fiery Cross (R Kidd and A Mitchell), 4:03:57; 3, O11 (M Falk and J Pococid), 4:21:12. Class 6: 1, Modi Khola (C Shepard and J Baggaley), 5:06:40; 2, Victoire (D Koopmans and M Russchen, Holl), 5 20:00, 3, Alice's Mirror (J Freeman and J Trythall), 5:21:15.

Holdsworth takes historic hat-trick

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DERBY (second day of three): the Australians, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 37 runs behind Derbyshire

THE Australians have had plenty of dominant days on tour but this one was a monopoly they will struggle to better. After taking the last five Derbyshire wickets in 14 balls, including a hat-trick for Wayne Holdsworth, they scored at six runs an over for the next three hours, losing only one man along the way.

If Holdsworth's feat was the historical curiosity, no touring Australian having done the hat-trick in England since Tom Matthews took one in each innings during the Triangular Test tournament of 1912. Michael Slater imposed the abiding memories upon the day. His fourth century of the tour was stunning, carrying him past 1,000 runs in only 16 first-class innings. The more one sees of him, the more impressive a player he seems and the more certain it becomes that he will be one of the great batting forces into the next century.

Slater and Mark Waugh had put on an unbeaten 179 in 25 overs when, for the second successive day, rain ended play at tea. The first 100, however, had come in 12 extraordinary overs, during which the savagery of the strokeplay was matched only by the cluelessness of the bowling.

Between them, Devon Malcolm and Simon Base conceded 170 runs in 22 overs. The last of Base's ten was worth 24 runs and, throughout his shocking spell, he seemed either to be overstepping (25 no-balls the damning statistic) or underpitching, feeding both Slater and Waugh with the pull at which they are eagerly efficient.

Slater had been put on his back, avoiding a bouncer from Malcolm, in the first over and was hit in the throat by the same bowler in the 35th. These samll indignities apart, he decorated a humid afternoon with a succession of punched on-drives, pulls and cuts, his nimble footwork, as ever, the secret of his control.

He was a wildcard selection for this tour, especially as Allan Border, the captain, had never even seen him bat, and was not expected to play in the Tests. It will be mighty hard for Matthew Hayden, or anyone else, to dislodge him now.

Hayden's was the one wicket to fall, top-edging a pull against Dominic Cork and being caught at fine leg by Matthew Vandrau who, earlier, had been the middle leg of the Holdsworth hat-trick which was most remarkable for the fact that he launched into it with figures of one for 117.

More than an hour into the day the Derbyshire sixth-wicket pair were still together and Kim Barnett had become only the third player from the club to make a century against the Australians, who were beginning to make impatient signals suggesting a declaration might be in order.

None was needed. Holdsworth hit Griffith's off stump with the fifth ball of his second over and had Vandrau taken at second slip with the sixth.

After an intermission in which Reiffel ended Barnett's admirable innings, Holdsworth finished things off in style. Krikken was the hat-trick victim and, five balls later, Base was caught behind. For Holdsworth, it was release from a nightmare; for Base, it was just the start.

SCOREBOARD

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*†J Barnett c Zoehrer b Reiffel	114
P D Bowler c Zoehrer b Reiffel	30
J E Morris c Warne b Julian	2
C J Adams c Hayden b Reiffel	4
T J G O'Gorman c M E Waugh b Reiffel	6
D G Cork c Marsh b Holdsworth	56
K M Krikken b Holdsworth	0
A Griffith b Holdsworth	11
M J Vandrau c M E Waugh b Holdsworth	0
‡K M Krikken c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	1
S J Base c Zoehrer b Holdsworth	7
D E Malcolm not out	0
Extras (lb 14, nb 30)	44
Total	305

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-74, 3-91, 4-103, 5-201, 6-296, 7-296, 8-296, 9-304

BOWLING: Holdsworth 22-3-117-5, Julian 19-3-71-1, Reiffel 21-1-82-4, Warne 10-5-20-0, S R Waugh 2-1-1-0

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M L Hayden c Vandrau b Cork	49
M J Slater not out	133
M E Waugh not out	80
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 31)	35
Total (1 wkt)	288

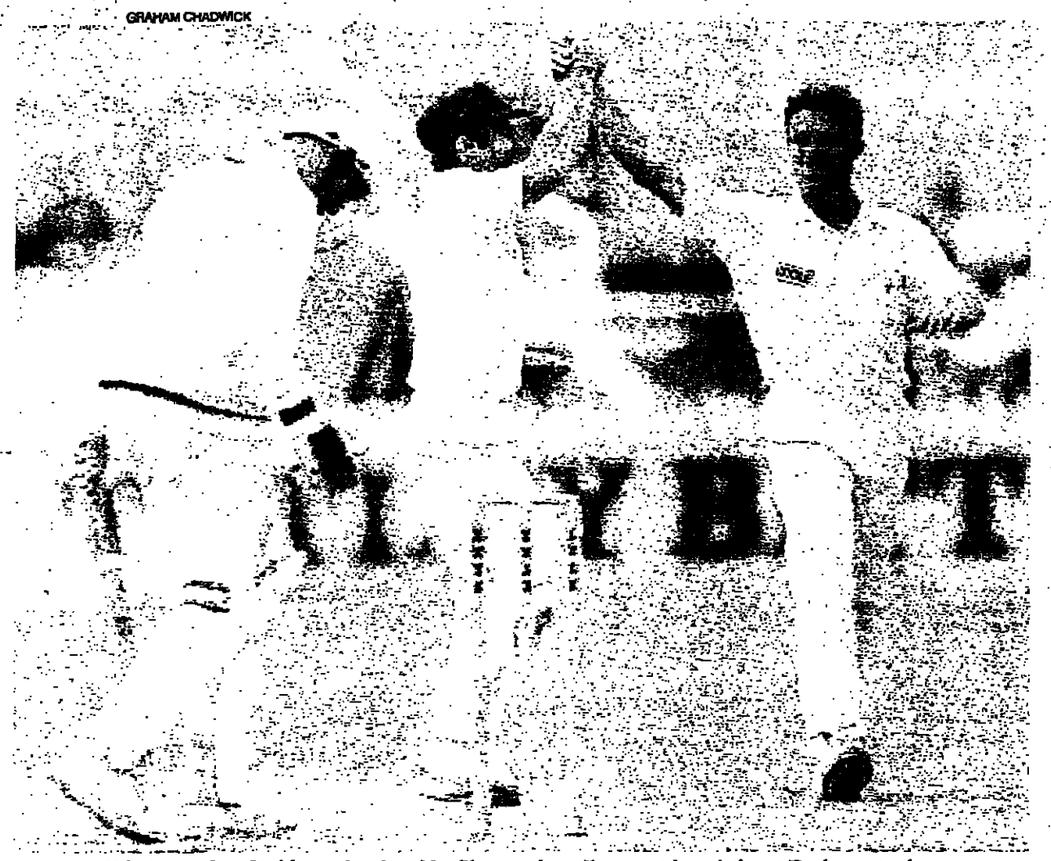
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99

D R Martyn, *†A R Border, S R Waugh, †T J Zoehrer, S K Warne, G P Julian, P R Reiffel and W J Holdsworth to bat

BOWLING: Malcolm 12-0-65-0, Cork 12-0-55-1, Base 10-1-83-0, Vandrau 7-1-27-0, Adams 2-0-13-0

Umpires: J H Harris and A A Jones

GRAHAM CHADWICK



What a cracker: Holdsworth saluted by Slater as he collects another victim at Derby yesterday

Middlesex pursued by capable pack

BY ALAN LEE

MIDDLESEX are 30 points clear as the Britannic Assurance county championship goes into its second half today but there is no shortage of ambitious pursuers. The next eight counties are separated by only 16 points and the title candidates do not end with them.

Essex and Hampshire, bracketed on 84 points in joint twelfth place, need only continue their recent improved form to maintain an interest. Five teams, at most, can be discounted and, of those, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire will feel under particular pressure today.

After a promising start, Yorkshire's season has fallen away so badly that the players were called together this week by Brian Close, their cricket committee chairman, for what was variously described as a pep-talk and a dressing-down. They have a tough game at Harrogate against Northamptonshire, who are beginning to believe they can win the title for the first time.

At Guildford, second-placed Surrey will be looking to cash in against a Gloucestershire side whose plight was magnified last week by the resignation of the captain, Tony Wright. Surrey's challenge has been led by their new-ball bowlers, Waqar Younis and Martin Bicknell, who lie third and fourth in the national averages with 81 wickets between them.

Middlesex have taken a slow-bowling route to the top and if they are to remain there, it will be the spin partnership of Emburey and Tufnell — 68 wickets between them — that does the majority of the work. But they cannot expect a turning pitch at Edgbaston today, especially now Allan Donald has rediscovered his radar system, with ten for 129 in the last game against Yorkshire.

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, will be at Old Trafford for the meeting of Lancashire and Glamorgan. With both sides in the top five, the match is significant, not least for Fletcher's main viewing target, Steve Watkin.

There could be a place for him in the Test side at Headingley, if it is decided that Alan Igglesden's fitness remains too suspect, but Igglesden returns to the Kent team at Arundel today anxious to prove otherwise before the selectors meet on Sunday.

Simmons unable to repeat century

BY IVO TENNANT

JESMOND (Rest of the World XI won toss): Rest of the World XI v an England XI — match abandoned

ALAS, even worthy festivals in outposts such as Jesmond are not spared bad weather. Only 25 overs were possible in the second of the matches between an England XI and a Rest of a World side before an unrelenting drizzle meant an abandonment was made at tea-time.

At least the future of the festival, backed by BSkyB television coverage, is assured for the next two years. There have been enough top-class players participating to attract a capacity crowd on Tuesday (a little more than 3,000) and around 2,000 yesterday.

They saw some decent cricket. Simmons, who struck a century on the first day, made 58 now in similar style, although he could not repeat his achievement of clearing the chimney pots some 120 yards away. When he was out, it was to a splendid catch by Gooch, running round from short fine leg.

Neither, for that matter, could Jones or Greenidge bat with such panache as on Tuesday. Houghton hardly had the opportunity to show what he can do. Indeed, the way the Rest of the World's innings was going, there was a fair chance of a rare English victory. The weather precluded that.

SCOREBOARD

REST OF WORLD XI

Asmir Sohail c Rampraksesh b Ilott	21
P V Simmons c Gooch b Such	58
*C G Greenidge c DeFreitas b Munton	15
D M Jones run out	6
D L Houghton not out	19
R A Harper not out	12
Extras (lb 12, nb 6)	18
Total (4 wkts, 25 overs)	149

M D Marshall, †D S Berry, D K Morrison, C A Walsh and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-102, 3-112, 4-112.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 4-0-35-0; Ilott 4-0-13-1; Gooch 4-0-34-0; Munton 8-1-28-1; Such 5-0-27-1.

ENGLAND XI: *G A Gooch, M A Roseberry, M A Atherton, M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, N H Fairbrother, †S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, M C Ilott, T A Munton, P M Such.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B J Meyer

Christie's feet do his fast talking

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LINFORD Christie is an easier target for a cheap shot off the track than on it. You can run Christie down, but try running against him.

Carl Lewis has accused the Olympic 100 metres champion of avoiding him in races. Christie, as befits a man who has never given the impression of wanting to avoid anybody, declined to enter into a slanging match. "I let my feet do the talking," he said yesterday.

It is timely to note that Christie is the one competing in Birmingham this week while Lewis, who had been invited, is elsewhere. So we can concentrate on Christie in the context of McDonald Bailey, the 1952 Olympic bronze medal-winner.

On the assumption that Christie wins tomorrow, he will become the first man since Bailey to take three successive AAA 100 metres titles. The assumption is based on a healthy Christie.

"I do not have an injury," Christie insisted yesterday. If there were worries in that area he would hardly be talking about doubling this weekend. "The 200?" he said. "I am going to run it and I am going to win it."

Sometimes Christie is hard to make out. He has been saying he will run the 200 metres at the world championships and he added yesterday that, next year, he would try for the "double-double": both sprint titles at the Commonwealth Games and European championships.

Yet, on the same morning, he was devaluing the 200 metres. "If I was 200 metres world champion, who cares? After a couple of weeks, people forget it. If I am 100 metres champion, that is different." Two years ago he announced his retirement, and here he is, at 33, showing no sign of slowing down. We should take his advice and wait for his feet to do his talking.

SPORTS LETTERS

Henley must have breaks

From Mr R. M. A. Bourne

Sir, The suggestion of Mr Hugh Burkitt (Sports Letters, July 8) that races for women could easily be accommodated in the Henley programme by chopping off half-an-hour from the "generous" lunch interval and abandoning in toto the tea interval would scarcely be welcomed by the large number of those who have official duties.

The day's work begins, in many cases, by 8am, and rarely ends much before 8pm: some of them are stationed far from any refreshment centre and often find a queue when they reach one. Breaks in their work are essential if they are to retain the alertness necessary for the running of the races. Very many of them, too, are unpaid volunteers, some a long way past the normal retiring age.

Ways can certainly be devised to include women's races in the programme, but curtailment of the intervals is not a feasible one.

Yours etc.,
ROBERT BOURNE,
The Silk House, Mere,
Warminster, Wiltshire.

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England cricket team debased by expediency

From Mr H. Frith

Sir, The controversy surrounding the selection of non-English-born players for the Test team should not be allowed to die down following the improved performance against Australia at Trent Bridge.

Ted Dexter maintained (June 29): "We are different from other countries. We must just recognise our multi-national outlook and be proud of it." Why? He might be proud of it, but many cricket lovers are not and feel the national team debased by such expediency.

Alan Lee argued: "McCague should have no place in an England team. Our game, however, has gone so far down the road of accommodation to all-comers that the clock cannot now be turned back." Again, why? A policy of selection that not only lacks principle and support but must also be counterproductive in the development of home-grown talent should be abandoned as soon as possible.

Lord Tebbit recently observed that ethnic minorities would probably be inclined to support the Test team consisting of their own countrymen rather than England, an option — whether true or not — denied the English supporter. We are expected to take pleasure and pride in a team comprising players from any country and not even restricted to the Commonwealth, as evidenced by the persistent selection of Smith and Lamb.

If the Test and County Cricket Board and selectors persist in this policy, might I suggest they not be allowed to play their teams under the England banner but told to compete as the TCCB International XI.

Yours sincerely,
H. FRITH,
6 Gaymoore Close, Chester.

From Mr John Rogers

Sir, Having studied the euphoria with which you reported (July 7) the result of the third Test match, I am very concerned.

After all, what we have just seen was a Commonwealth team giving the Australians, without their main strike bowler (McDermott), and for part of the time without Hughes, a slight scare in the middle of the final afternoon.

Thank God I'm Cornish and not English.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ROGERS,
Chy Kyla,
Chapel Road, Foxhole,
St Austell, Cornwall.

Secrets of swerve

From Mr Edmund Latham

Sir, Dr J. C. Gibbings (Sports Letters, July 8) wondered whether baseball pitchers also claim, as bowlers do, that heat and humidity assist their efforts to make a ball deviate from its path.

Unfortunately, the comparison is not as easy to make as it first appears. Most pitchers have little regard for the quality of the atmosphere because they deceive their opponents by spinning the ball, rather than manipulating its tennis-ball-like seam to create aerodynamic instability. A pitcher's curveball, which is spun with the fingers in exactly the same way as an off break, will drop and sail away in most conditions (even in an air-condtioned dome), just as good spin bowlers can create "loop" and "drift" in even the mildest air.

However, there is a rare breed of pitcher that is a complete antithesis to this rule: the knuckleballer. By resting the ball gently against the clenched joints of his first two fingers and supporting it with thumb and third finger, he tries to throw the ball to home plate without any spin at all, with the idea of letting the stationary seams catch any air currents and make the ball dart and wobble unpredictably.

It has always been accepted baseball lore that those players — whose art is most akin to the seam bowler's in its apparent dependence on the action of the atmosphere — are at their most effective in hot and/or humid conditions. Indeed, all the major knuckleballers in the game today have either spent their entire careers in the "sun belt" (like Charlie Hough, of Texas) or have moved there from colder northern teams to find more favourable conditions (like Tom Candiotti, of Los Angeles, formerly of Cleveland).

The only exception to this rule is Tim Wakefield, of Pittsburgh, and he plays his home games in a stadium within yards of the junction of Pennsylvania's three great rivers — very much a humid, waterside, "swinging" ground in the best traditions of Trent Bridge.

Yours sincerely,
EDMUND LATHAM,
4 Common Lane,
Ditchling, East Sussex.

Tighter line

From Mr G. T. Bosisto

Sir, Brian Clarke, in his article on the rod angling licence (July 8), points out that only 376,000 were sold last year. Why not, therefore, make the fishery owner responsible for ensuring that the angler has a rod licence before he sells him a permit to fish the water?

If an angler is caught without a rod licence, not only could he be subject to a fine, but the fishery owner could also face prosecution.

If every angler purchased a rod licence, then maybe there would be no need to increase the fee.

Yours faithfully,
G. T. BOSISTO,
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Vinters Park,
Maidstone, Kent.

Small change

From Mr Richard C. Green

Sir, With Wimbledon over, sports shops are offering four Wimbledon balls for the price of three. Some of these balls have been hurtling around the courts at over 100mph, whereas a few years ago they were hit at only about half this speed. Is it not time that we were offered five for the price of three or that the balls were changed more often?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GREEN,
The Whittern,
Lyonshall, Kington,
Herefordshire.

Other side of Hughes

From Mr Reginald White

Sir, Why does Mervyn Hughes behave so boorishly in public, certainly during the hours of Test cricket action, when there is another side of him that has yet to be seen?

From within the pavilion at Lord's at the conclusion of the second Test match I witnessed the following incident:

With his fellow members of the Australian team already in place to await the arrival of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, Hughes stayed inside by the pavilion doors and cordially, I thought, shook hands with each member of the England team as they filed out to be presented.

Why keep up this public pretence, Mr Hughes? Are you a sportsman and a softie at heart?

Yours sincerely,
REGINALD WHITE,
24 Headland Avenue,
Seaford, East Sussex.

It's not cricket

From Dr Robin Fitzsimons

Sir, So my compatriot, Allan Border, says that "it isn't tiddlywinks out there" on the cricket pitch (July 5).

I should certainly hope not. The 1960s annual Sydney University Tiddlywinks Society tiddlywinks race across the Harbour Bridge was an event of such genteel ferocity and high-minded seriousness as to leave the less famous cricket, and cricketers, for dead — or at any rate it would have done so had Border found himself in the pathway of a determined tiddlywink.

The winner's prize was, of course, a university pink, solemnly awarded at the society president's garden party. Plans to defeat Cambridge at their own game were, I understand, cancelled on diplomatic advice.

Faithfully yours,
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Australia.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 11

CATANANCHE

(c) The name of a genus (*Catananche*) of herbs of the family Compositae with blue or yellow flowers, a plant of this genus, from the Greek name for a plant used in love potions, *kata* down + *anankē* compulsion: "A packet of seed of catananche which gave me a lovely group of lavender-blue daisy-like flowers in August."

MATIPO

(a) Either of two New Zealand evergreen trees, *Pittosporum tenuifolium*, of the family Pittosporaceae, which is also called matipo and bears purple flowers, or *Myrsine australis*, the red matipo tree, from the Maori: "Varieties of matipo, a beautiful shrub, each leaf a study, with its delicate tracery of black veins on a yellow-green ground."

TERAKOYA

(b) In the Japanese feudal period, a private elementary school of a kind established originally in the Buddhist temples, a temple school, from the Japanese *tera* temple + *ko* child(ren) + *ya* place.

REINGA

(c) In Maori tradition, the place where departed spirits make their way to into the next world, hence the land of departed spirits, from the Maori word for "a place of leaping": "The natives in the north of the island still point out the cliff from which the spirits of the dead made their descent into the sea on their way back to the Island of Hawaii, from whence [sic] their forefathers came. This cliff was called the Re-i-nga, i.e. the leaping-place."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White forced the key breakthrough with 1 Rxa5! and if 1 ... Qxa5 2 Nc6+.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

KUCHING: Malaysian Open: Men's doubles: First round: C Hunt and N Ponting (Eng) wo P Lau and Lim Hong Han (Sing), scr. Second round: Yap Yee Hup and Yap Yee Guan (Mal) bt Hunt and Ponting, 15-5, 15-9. *Women's singles: Second round:* S Kusumawardani (Indo) bt J Muggeridge (Eng), 11-8, 11-5. Women's doubles: *Second round:* M Bengtsson (Swe) and Muggeridge, bt Feng Mei-Ying and Jou Yu-Lin (Taiwan), 15-3, 15-4; G Clark and J Wright (Eng) bt Chen Mei-Jun and Chan Ya-Lin (Taiwan), 15-4, 15-2; G Gowers (Eng) and T Tjendsen (Indo) bt R Sukoonmark and I Dughien (Thal), 15-7, 15-1. Quarter-finals: L Sluer-Laundsen and L Olsen (Den) bt Bengtsson and Muggeridge, 15-9, 15-6; Clark and Wright bt Choi Ma-ree and Jang Hye-ock (S Kor), 15-11, 15-3; Lim Xiaoqing and C Magnusson (Swe) bt Gowers and Tendaen, 15-10, 3-15, 15-10. Mixed doubles: *Second round:* Hunt and J Wright (Eng) bt Ha Tae-kwon and Jang Hye-ock (S Kor), 15-8, 15-12; M Sogaard (Den) and Gowers bt Liu En-hong and Lin Hua-shu (Taiwan), 15-12, 15-3; Ponting and Clark bt Lee Mou-chou and Kao Shin-li (Taiwan), 15-6, 15-2. Quarter-finals: J Marcianto and S Untan (Indo) bt Hunt and Wright, 10-15, 15-4, 15-6, Sogaard and Gowers bt R Manaky and E Sulistianingsih (Indo), 15-9, 15-6; Ponting and Clark wo Tan Kim Her and Tan Lee Wai (Mal), scr.

BASEBALL

ALL-STAR GAME: American League 9, National League 3 (in Baltimore).

BOWLS

EASTBOURNE: Open tournament: Singles: Section semi-finals: D Wells (Victoria Drive) bt E Townsend (Great Hollands), 21-16; L Ashton (Preston) bt A Ferns (Worthing Pavilion), 17-1 (Ferns conceded); R Cumming (Bellingham) bt S Bain (Redoubt), 21-13; O Ovest (Worthing) bt C Murray (Croydon), 21-7; D Weaver (Victoria Drive) bt D Bain (Redoubt), 21-7; S Hall (Parade) bt T Riley (Seaford), 21-13; K Bailey (Hayes) bt J Riddles (Lewes), 21-20; D Booth (Parade) bt M Beggiestone (Parade), 21-17. Pairs: Second round: J Harris and E Fowles bt J Townsend and J Treanor, 29-10; W Trenamen and R Smith bt W Oxtoby and B Jarvis, 24-11; R Deacon and F Taylor bt D Lotte and B Gooding, 19-14; R Pepper and C Murray bt R Carr and J Harris, 28-8; D Weaver and R Taylor bt V. Jennings and P Simpson, 26-8; S Hall and D Booth bt R Smith and K Duly, 19-14; J Davies and B Miller bt G Smith and D Wells, 25-8; D Pope and M Ive bt W Ward and T Prout, 23-18, M Beggiestone and D Dyer bt R Whybrow and P Whetford, 23-14, G Irons and R Plant bt W McDonald and C Kiddy 19-14; J Preston and S Riggs bt D Roberts and M Roberts, 28-23.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Shrewsbury 142, Malvern 144-4; Forty Club 203-8, Eltham 49-1; Maidstone GS 184, Rochester Maths 41 (A Southgate 5-20, P Cavender 5-20). Festivals: Berkhamsted: Framlingham 90, Monmouth 93-6; Berkhamsted 211-9, Kimbolton 145, Framlingham 172, Berkhamsted 118-2 (Berkhamsted won on run-rate); Winchester 219-9, Monmouth 114-0 (Monmouth won on run-rate). Chigwell: Colston's 222-8, Wellingborough 156-4; Magdalen 202-8, William Hulme GS 82-8, William Hulme GS 172-9, Wellingborough 174-3 (M Steele 122 not out); Chigwell 227, Magdalen 108-4.

TOUR MATCH: Kurunegala: Indians 342-6 dec (M Azharuddin 100, K S More 60 not out, M Prabhakar 53) and 149-1 (P K Amre 70 not out, N S Sidhu 66 not out); Sri Lanka Board XI 415 (S T Jayasuriya 151, H P Tillekeratne 101, R S Kalpage 89 not out; S L V Raju 4-101). Match drawn.

FOOTBALL

JAPANESE LEAGUE: Kashima Antlers 1, Shimizu S-Pulse 2; JEF United Ichihara 0, Gamba Osaka 1; Verdy Kawasaki 2, Sanfrecce Hiroshima 0; Yokohama Marinos 1, Nagoya Grampus Eight 0; Urawa Red Diamonds 0, Yokohama Flugels 2.

GLIDING

ENSTONE: Open Nationals: Revised overall (after two days): 1, A Kay (ASH25), 1462pts; 2, D Innes (Nimbus 3), 1388; 3, R May (ASH-25), 1382; 4, F Davies (LS6C), 1306; 5, C Pullen (ASH25), 1239; 6, S Jones (Nimbus 3), 1235; 7, B Elliott (Nimbus 3), 1234; 8, C Davis (Nimbus 2), 1232; 9, M Throssell (Venus C), 1205; 10, G McAndrew (DG500), 1112.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA schools meeting: Marling cup (snapshooting): 1, Sedbergh, 294; 2, Ampleforth, 284; 3, RGS Guildford, 276. Cadets' pistol trophy: 1, E Magan (Eton), 55; 2, G Laughton (Lancing), 54; 3, M Zehmn (Sevenoaks), 52. Martlorer cup (snapshooting): 1, J Lauder (Sedbergh), 50/48; 2, T Wright (Sedbergh), 50/45; 3, M Wittke (RGS Guildford), 50/41. Devonshire and Dorset cup (falling plates): 1, Oundle, 2, Woodbridge.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Australian Capital Territory 24, GB Young Lions 6 (in Canberra).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Western Australia 8, South Africa XV 71 (in Perth); Wengarua 0, Western Samoa XV 30.

TENNIS

FRINTON: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: A Smith bt N Egorova (Rus), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Second round: A van Buuren (Hol) bt R Mawdsley (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; L Ani bt J Dickinson, 6-2, 6-1; Y Yoshica (Japan) bt M Pawlik (Ger), 6-4, 6-0; H Mochizuki (Japan) bt K Cross, 6-4, 7-5; S Parhomenko (Russ) bt L Woodroffe, 6-2, 6-4; A Smith bt M Avotins (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; J Pullin bt Y Klompenhouwer (Hol), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; C Barclay (Aus) bt L McShea (Aus), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts: US professional championships: First round: P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Nainen (SA), 6-4, 6-3; B Barber (US) bt S Stolle (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; D Di Lucia (US) bt T Svantesson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; R Raneberg (US) bt H Song (S Kor), 4-6, 7-5, 9-1; B Gilbert (US) bt M Smylan (US), 6-1, 6-1; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt J Gimalstob (US), 6-1, 6-1.

KITZBÜHEL, Austria: Women's tournament: First round: B Schett (Austria) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, B Rittner (Ger) bt M Maruska (Austria), 6-1, 6-3, P Razzova (Cz) bt S Cecchini (It), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Zivec-Skulj (Ger) bt E Martincova (Cz), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5; Li Fang (China) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz), 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, M Pierce (Fr) bt A Barna (Ger), 6-0, 6-1; S Hack (Ger) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-3, 6-0.

PRAGUE: Women's tournament: First round: I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt A Havlikova (Cz), 6-0, 6-0; H Kelesi (Can) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; S Frankl (Ger) bt L Krejcova (Cz), 6-2, 6-0; P Tarabini (Arg) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-3, 6-2; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt W Probst (Ger), 7-5, 6-0; M Babel (Ger) bt P Thoren (Fin), 7-6, 6-1; C Dahlman (Swe) bt F Perfetti (It), 6-3, 6-2; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt E Pampoulova-Wagner (Bul), 7-5, 6-3.

YOUELL CUP (at Eton): Semi-finals: Repton bt St Paul's, 2-0; Sevenoaks bt Bedford, 2-0. Final: Sevenoaks bt Repton, 2-0. Bowl: Nottingham bt Sevenoaks, 2-0.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

BUFFALO, New York: Baseball: South Korea 4, Japan 3; Cuba, 12, Italy 0. Basketball: Men: China 91, Israel 79; Canada 82, Czech Republic 75; Britain 109, South Korea 73, Sweden 77, Switzerland 66; United States 103, Italy 73; Estonia 83, Turkey 77, Japan 102, Morocco 59. Women: Cuba 88, United States 80; Kazakhstan 112, Taiwan 111; Russia 73, Japan 70; Sweden 60, Canada 66; China 86, Lithuania 82. Fencing: Men's individual sabre: *Semi-finals:* G Sirowch (It) bt R Sznajder (Pol), 2-0; G Touya (Fr) bt C Kovacs (Hun), 2-0. Final: Sirovch bt Touya, 2-0.

Football: Men: Italy 3, Canada 1; Nigeria 3, South Africa 1; Uruguay 1, Ireland 0; United States 2, Australia 1; South Korea 2, Russia 1; Britain 3, Slovakia 1; Germany 2, Netherlands 0; Czech Republic 2, Japan 0. Gymnastics: Men: Rings: 1, Y Chechi (It), 9.787; 2, S Kasevich (US), 9.537; equal 3, R Rossato (It), D Trouin (Russ), 9.450. Horse: 1, E Pougeade (Fr), 9.612; 2, Fan Bin (China), 9.500; 3, Chang Feng-Chih (Taiwan), 9.487. Floor: 1, I Korobchinski (Ukr), 9.525; 2, D Nishikawa (Japan), 9.375; 3, Y Golov (Russ), 9.350. Parallel bars: 1, Wang Xun (China), 9.512; 2, V Scherbo (Belarus), 9.500; 3, J Lynch (US), 9.450. Vault: 1, Scherbo, 9.662; 2, Yao Hong-Chui (Korea), 9.648; 3, Chang Feng-Chih, 9.588. Horizontal bar: 1, Chen Jian (China), 9.600; 2, Kasvikis, 9.500; 3, Scherbo, 9.475. Women: Beam: 1, T Lisenko (Ukr), 9.562; 2, L Stovbchataya (Ukr), 9.100; 3, Han Na-Jung (Korea), 9.075. Vault: 1, N Kalinina (Ukr), 9.543; 2, L Ribeiro (Br), 9.518; 3, H Sheeley (US), 9.493. Asymmetrical bars: 1, Kalinina, 9.637; 2, K Seo (Japan), 9.275; 3, Stovbchataya, 9.212. Floor: 1, B Evrard (Bel), 9.725; 2, T Marshall (US), 9.612; 3, Stovbchataya, 9.362.

Swimming: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, T O'Hara (Can), 3:55.01; 2, Y de Fabrogue (Fr), 3:55.82; 3, W Kalaus (US), 3:57.49. *200m butterfly:* 1, *M Roberts (Aus), 2:00.91*; 2, O Lampe (Ger), 2:01.12; 3, M Takane (Japan), 2:01.32. British placing: 5, K Crosby, 2:01.41.; 4 x 100m freestyle: 1, United States, 3.21.28, 2, Germany 3:23.25; 3, Poland 3.25.94; 6, Britain 3:28.39. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, H Lunenschloss (Ger), 2:03.18; 2, W Hedgepeth (US), 2:03.53; 3, C Hudden (GB), 2:04.05. 100m backstroke: 1, B Bedford (US), 1:01.60; 2, Y Kokaeva (Japan), 1:02.93; 3, A Humphrey (US), 1:03.44. British placing: 7, J Deakins, *1:05.88. 200m individual medley:* 1, *M Limpert (Can), 2:15.46*; 2, N Sweetnam (Can), 2:15.90; 3, W Hedgepeth (US), 2:19.67. British placing: 8, H Gorman, 2:24.81.

Volleyball: Men: United States 3, Algeria 2; China 3, Greece 1; Indonesia 3, Australia 2; Spain 3, Germany 0. Women: Switzerland 3, Russia 1; Romania 3, China 0; Japan 3, France 0; Canada 3, Turkey 0; United States 3, Slovenia 0; Peru 3, Hong Kong 0. Water polo: Slovakia 13, South Africa 4; France 12, Canada 8; Russia 7, Kazakhstan 7; Hungary 10, Japan 7; United States 7, China 3; Italy 13, Australia 7.

YACHTING

ABERSOCH: Henri-Lloyd J24 world championship: Fourth race: 1, K Read (US); 2, J Johnstone (US); 3, I Walker (Aus). 4, J Scholten (Aus); 5, G Baqueriza (Arg), 6, D Lowen (Swe). Overall: 1, Read, 6.25pts, 2, T Hutchinson (US), 17.75; 3, L Santella (It), 40; 4, I Southworth (GB), 44.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Trophy final

HARROGATE (Yorkshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Yorkshire on faster run-rate

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

W A Dessaur c White b Batty	27
M Saxelby c White b Gough	3
M A Crawley c White b Robinson	20
P Johnson c White b Batty	7
*†R T Robinson b Batty	25
C L Cairns c Jarvis b Grayson	8
C C Lewis c Hartley b Batty	8
K P Evans c Grayson b Jarvis	14
‡L N Walker c and b Jarvis	20
R A Pick not out	13
M G Field-Buss not out	1
Extras (lb 1, lb-4, w 6, nb 2)	13
Total (9 wkts, 60 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-38, 3-46, 4-63, 5-98, 6-101, 7-107, 8-135, 9-158.

BOWLING: Gough 8-1-32-1; Jarvis 10-1-42-2, Robinson 8-3-15-1; Hartley 8-0-30-0; Batty 10-0-20-4; Grayson 5-0-20-1.

YORKSHIRE

A P Grayson c Dessaur b Cairns	8
M P Vaughan c Crawley b Evans	5
R B Richardson c Walker b Cairns	1
C White c Dessaur b Pick	10
‡R J Blakey not out	10
D Byas b Pick	0
*P W Jarvis not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 2)	5
Total (5 wkts, 21 overs)	45

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-16, 3-23, 4-35, 5-39.

P J Hartley, D Gough, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.

BOWLING: Lewis 5-0-16-0; Evans 7-4-7-1; Cairns 6-1-13-2; Pick 3-2-5-2.

Umpires: V A Holder and R A White.

Seaboard Trophy

CANTERBURY (Surrey won toss): Surrey beat Kent by five wickets.

KENT

*M R Benson c Stewart b M P Bicknell	5
M V Fleming c Smith b Benjamin	14
N R Taylor c Lynch b Boiling	40
G R Cowdrey c Atkins b Boiling	30
N J Llong run out	47
†S A Marsh b M P Bicknell	50
M A Ealham c Brown b Benjamin	4
D W Headley c Lynch b M P Bicknell	1
R P Davis not out	10
M J McCague not out	2
Extras (b 5, w 1)	6
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-19, 3-81, 4-115, 5-186, 6-193, 7-194, 8-207.

A P Igglesden did not bat.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 10-2-32-3, Benjamin 10-1-40-2; Ward 4-0-25-0; Murphy 8-2-28-0; Boiling 10-1-39-2; Smith 8-0-37-0.

SURREY

P D Atkins c Cowdrey b Fleming	31
D J Bicknell c and b Davis	33
A D Brown b Fleming	16
M A Lynch c Llong b Davis	47
*†A J Stewart c Igglesden b Ealham	53
A W Smith not out	4
I J Ward not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 15, nb 6)	29
Total (5 wkts, 43.1 overs)	213

A J Murphy, M P Bicknell, J Boiling and J D Benjamin did not bat.

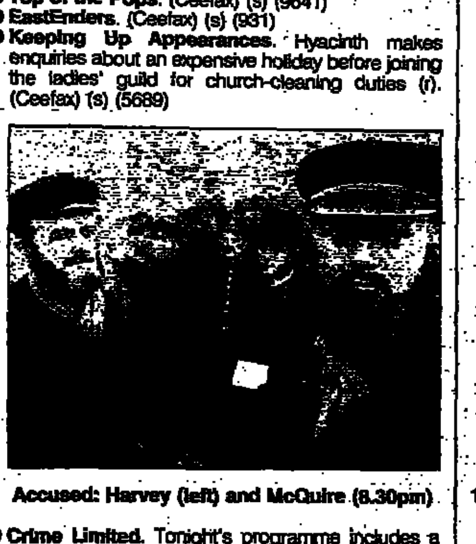
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-96, 3-105, 4-205, 5-209.

BOWLING: Igglesden 8-1-28-0; McCague 9-0-38-0; Ealham 5-0-32-1; Headley 6-0-38-0; Fleming 6-0-21-2; Davis 9 1-0-48-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and D R Shepherd.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (12660)
7.00 Breakfast News (16564486)
9.05 Thundercats (r) (5792757) **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** *(r) (s)* (76134)
10.00 News. (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3874080) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (4128738) **10.30 Bananaman** (r) (7988776)
10.35 **Paddles Up**. The last heat of the International canoeing competition (s) (6963080)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6861115) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (4295080) ***11.50 National Trust Gardens***. Peckover House, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire (8594405)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7418486) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World**. Off *the Pacific Northwest islands* the Cousteau team meet the world's biggest octopus and encounter the formidable wolf eel (9584680) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (36133115)
1.00 News with *Edward Stourton*. (Ceefax) Weather (56931) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (72062660)
1.50 A Day in the Life of a Forest Pond. A wildlife documentary from Finland (72073776) **2.15 Howard Hughes**. *A documentary about the life of* the reclusive billionaire (3012757)
3.00 Golf: The Open continued from BBC2 (9298912)
4.00 Cartoon (2982047) **4.10 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (2599863) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (3152009) **4.35 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1087825)
5.00 Newsround (6071863) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5767738)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (631979). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (467)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (937). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9641)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (931)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth makes enquiries about an expensive holiday before joining the ladies' guild for church-cleaning duties (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5689)

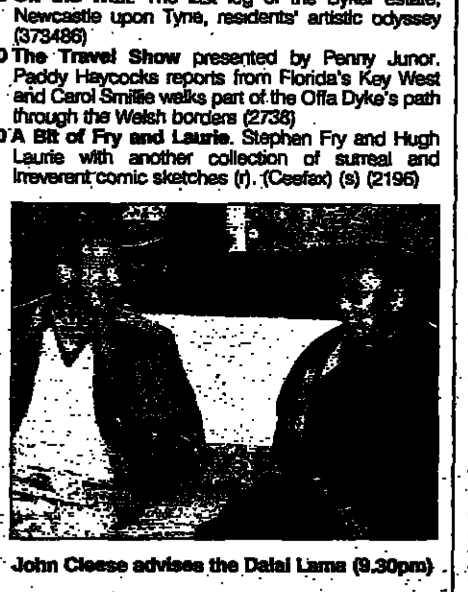


Accused: Harvey (left) and McGuire (8.30pm)

8.30 Crime Limited. Tonight's programme includes a look back at an 1884 murder trial in which shipwreck survivors followed "the custom of the sea". Actors Lloyd McGuire and Max Harvey play the accused Captain Dudley and his mate. (Ceefax) (s) (4196)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4554)
9.30 The Leaving of Liverpool. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (175641)
11.10 Sylvania Waters. Continuing the fly-on-the-wall *documentary series looking at the everyday life of a* feuding Sydney household (741592)
11.40 Film: Ghost Story (1974) starring Larry Dann, Marianne Faithfull and Penelope Keith. Standard chiller about three friends who arrive for a weekend at a country house unaware that a sinister presence pervades the place and that the building itself is in a timewarp. Directed by Stephen Weeks. (Ceefax) (300009). **Northern Ireland:** Education Special 12.25 Ulster News **1.05am Weather** (1473018)
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (17351)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Physics — Reflections on Waves (7539467) **7.10** Mechanical Manipulation (6425979) *7.35 Magnetic Circuits* (3477863)
8.00 Breakfast News (2394757)
8.15 Westminster (1646467)
9.00 Film: There's Always Tomorrow (1956, b/w) *starring Barbara Stanwyck, Joan Bennett and Fred* MacMurray. Melodramatic tale of a middle-aged man, in a career rut and believing he is being ignored by his wife and children, whose life goes into turmoil *by the arrival on the scene of an old* flame. Starring Douglas Sirk (8360467)
10.20 Australian Cowboy. A short portrait of Australian outback rodeo riders (3889738)
10.30 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers. A look at the history of dahlias (r) (6902979)
10.55 Golf: the Open. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the first round of the 122nd Open Championship from the Royal St George's Club, Sandwich, Kent (77187318)
1.00 Bertha. Animated adventures (r) (17086844)
1.15 Golf: the Open. Further live coverage from Royal St George's, Sandwich (68907689)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3065738) **3.05 Westminster Live**. (Ceefax) (2058950) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9841370)
4.00 Golf: the Open. 4.00-6.00 (6318) 6.00-7.40 (87630950) (79274399)
7.40 Business Matters: Doing It My Way. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (615689)
8.10 Off the Wall. The last leg of the Byker estate, Newcastle upon Tyne, residents' artistic odyssey (373486)
8.30 The Travel Show presented by Penny Junor. Paddy Haycocks reports from Florida's Key West and Carol Smillie walks part of the Offa Dyke's path through the Welsh borders (2738)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie with another collection of surreal and irreverent comic sketches (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2196)



John Cleese advises the Dalai Lama (9.30pm)

9.30 Under the Sun: The Cat and the Mouse. (Ceefax) See Choice (508399)
10.20 10 x 10: Breaking the Angel's Back. Ian Dodds's drama about the thoughts of a young man in a coma, attended by a mysterious nurse. Starring Gordon Ridout and Liza Walker (r) (669641)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (517467)
11.15 Off the Wall — At Home. An up-date on the Byker estate loaned art exhibition (507370)
11.20 Golf: the Open. Highlights of the first round from Sandwich, Kent (768399) *11.55* **Weather** (383912)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (2842603)
12.05am An Introduction to Psychology. A profile of *two psychologists' work with autism* (5576577). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE

Saying goodbye: Christine Tremarco, left (9.30pm)

The Leaving of Liverpool
BBC1, 9.30pm

Until the practice was ended in 1967 Britain shipped thousands of orphaned or homeless children overseas to bolster the white populations of the empire. Many of *the youngsters were maltreated and abused. This* sombre, fact-based Australian mini-series follows teenagers Lily (Christine Tremarco) and Bert (Kevin Jones) from Merseyside to Australia in the early 1950s. On arrival they are packed off to brutal institutions and live little better than slaves. The piece is competently done but tends to go for melodrama at the expense of character. It aims most of its flak at the Catholic church. Of the three men of the cloth one is *weak and ineffectual, the second a sadistic bully and* the third a pervert. Part two is tomorrow.

Under the Sun: The Cat and the Mouse
BBC2, 9.30pm

The cat is Communist China and the mouse is little Tibet. For more than 40 years Tibet has been under Chinese occupation. If the cat has not actually *devoured the mouse, it it has done almost everything* but. Yet hopes remain that the smaller animal may yet survive. Since his exile in 1959 they have been carried by the Dalai Lama. But his non-violence stance has been criticised as naive by those who favour more active resistance. The highlight of the film is an encounter between the Dalai Lama and John Cleese. The comedian advises the spiritual leader to master the soundbite and employ a PR consultant. For some reason this sends the genial Dalai into gales of laughter. Soon Cleese is in stitches as well.

Business Matters: Doing It My Way
BBC2, 7.40pm

David Lomax travels to Singapore to interview the country's veteran leader Lee Kwan Yew. He is a controversial figure. When Singapore became independent some 30 years ago it was an Asian backwater, poor, run-down and with no natural resources. Under Lee it has become one of the most powerful business and financial centres in the Far East. *Multinationals have come flocking in, attracted* by the stability, discipline and motiviated workforce. Nobody disputes Lee's achievement. The argument surrounds his methods, which opponents describe as autocratic. The country even banned chewing gum because it got stuck in the doors of underground trains. Lee is disarmingly unapologetic.

Moments of Crisis
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Father Bernard Lynch fits Mavis Nicholson's series like a glove. Of moments of crisis he has had more *than his share. The first was when he became the first* Catholic priest in Britain or Ireland to declare his homosexuality. Since the church considers homosexuals as "disordered in their nature and evil in their love" it was a bold step. Worse was when Father Lynch was accused of child abuse while working at a school in New York. The case collapsed but the stigma remained. The church will not employ him as a priest and he devotes himself to helping the victims of HIV and Aids. He says the experience has left him angry — but not bitter. But he seems not to have considered leaving the church.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

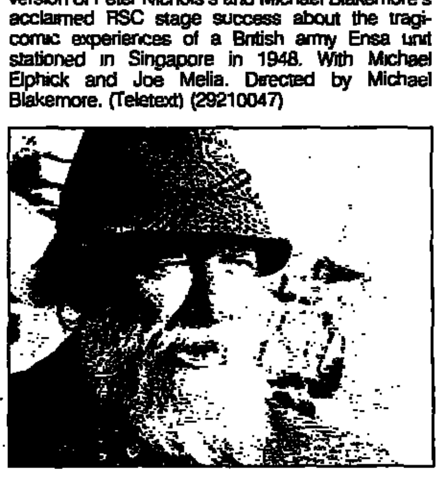
6.00 GMTV (5023825)
9.25 Talkabout. Word game (5781641) **9.55 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather* (4137486)
10.00 Film: The 'Copter Kids (1976) starring Derek Fowlds. Children's drama about a group of youngsters who form a vigilante group in order to *track down a gang of cattle rustlers. Directed by* Ronnie Spencer (3822592)
10.55 ITN News headlines (7355825) **11.00 James Bond Jr.** Cartoon adventures (7365202) **11.25** ***Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers*** (7375689)
11.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7562221) **12.00 Cartoon** featuring Mickey Mouse (3730738) **12.10 The Riddlers** (r) (2982399)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(Teletext) and weather* (7282776) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (17098689)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (205134) **1.45 A Country Practice** (s) (204405)
2.15 House Style. Home refurbishment ideas. Includes a visit to George Melly's Welsh bolt-hole (296486) **2.45 Take the High Road** (8731298)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3076844) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3075115) **3.20 The Young Doctors** (2585641)
3.50 Cartoon with Porky Pig (9637370) **3.55 The Wisdom of the Gnomes** (5364757) **4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club** *(r) (3151370)* ***4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures*** (r) (1001405)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2063660)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (434115)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes an interview with novelist James Herbert. (Teletext) (57009)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1009)

Underground: caver Pete Francis (7.30pm)

7.30 Voyager: Deep into the Labyrinth. The story of a British expedition to one of the world's largest caving systems — the Xing-Wen caves in China's Sichuan province (s) (399)
8.00 The Bill: Family Values. PC Jarvis finds nothing to celebrate after solving a violent case of lorry hijacking. (Teletext) (7347)
8.30 Michael Ball. The singer's guests are Chris Isaak and Montserrat Caballe. (Teletext) (s) (2592)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. A repeat of the drama series about life in a British Army regiment stationed in Hong Kong (r). (Teletext) (s) (4824)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (48863) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (368283)
10.40 Big City. A guide to entertainments in the Carlton region (s) (898486)
11.15 Jurassic Park: The Royal Film Premiere. Caron Keating describes the scenes at the Empire, Leicester Square, where the Princess of Wales attends the premiere of Steven Spielberg's latest blockbuster (199134)
11.45 Film: Inside Out (1975) starring Telly Savalas and James Mason. Thriller about the search for a cache of Nazi gold. Directed by Peter Duffell (466825)
1.35am Hollywood Report (s) (2952968)
2.00 Donahue. The guest is John Purvis who served ten years for a murder he did not commit (44719)
3.00 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (52581)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (96448)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (76413)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (22852)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55993). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cat cartoon series (1971486)
6.45 Ovide. Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (9733399)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (46554)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American teenage *Angst* comedy drama series (r) (25912)
9.30 Batman and Robin *(6381979) (r)* ***9.50*** **The Lion and the Mouse** (4136757) **9.55 Once Upon A Time . . . Space**. A cartoon exploration of the universe (r) (6335912) **10.25 Kideo**. Young *people's guide to life's mysteries (r)* (4148592)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part two of an animated smuggling yarn (r) (5065979) **11.20 The Next Big Thing**. Leona Naess continues her search for *singer/songwriter stardom (r) (s) (7367660)* **11.50 Tap**. Animation from Zagreb (8587115)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (45776)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (75196) **1.30 Take 5**. Cartoons (62931)
2.00 Film: Quiet Weekend (1946, b/w) starring Derek Farr and Marjorie Fielding. Comedy about a family's adventures at a run-down country retreat during a weekend break. Directed by Harold French (322370)
3.40 North to Wales. A documentary from 1956 about a Welshman who returns home after many years absence (9983757)
3.55 The Floating World of Navaisha. Lucinda Buxton's wildlife documentary for *Survival* about the flora and fauna of Kenya's freshwater lakes of Navaisha (r). (Teletext) (3322689)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers quiz. (Teletext) (s) (912)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who have risked their lives in order to save others because they knew something they could not explain. (Teletext) (s) (2102757)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's animated series narrated by Nigel Planer (966405)
6.00 The Levellers *The indie band in concert at the* Barrowlands, Glasgow (s) (405)
6.30 A Different World. American comedy series (s) (757)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (843486)
7.50 Comment. Geraint Ellis argues that the burgeoning number of quangos threatens Britain's democracy (489486)
8.00 Moments of Crisis (Teletext) See Choice (8399)
8.30 Tour de France. Highlights of the 180km Alpine leg from Serre Chevalier to the ski resort of Isola 2000 (2414)
9.00 Film: Privates on Parade (1982) starring John *Cleese, Denis Quilley and Nicola Pagett. Big screen* version of Peter Nichols's and Michael Blakemore's acclaimed RSC stage success about the tragi-comic experiences of a British army Ensa unit stationed in Singapore in 1948. With Michael Elphick and Joe Melia. Directed by Michael Blakemore. (Teletext) (29210047)



In memory: author William Golding (11.05pm)

11.05 A Tribute To William Golding. A *South Bank Show* profile of the Nobel prizewinning author who died last month (r). (Teletext) (412573)
12.05am Old Faces. From Blackpool's Queen's Hotel, a talent night for elderly entertainers (r) (1954871). Ends at **1.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (2083660) **6.00** Home and Away (221844) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (763457) **10.40** Sailaway (859844) **11.10** 28th Cambridge Folk Festival (736860) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (91886) **12.35am** Wrestling (8441332) **1.15** America's Top Ten (22239) **1.45** Film: Next to No Time (945054) **3.25** Stage 2 (6580448) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45pm-3.10 Magic Wok (8731298) **3.20-3.50** GP (2585641) **6.00** Lookaround (863) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (115) **10.40** Jurassic Park: The Royal Film Premiere (859844) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (793950) **12.05am** IndyCar 93 (9358333) **12.35** Wrestling (8441332)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (205134) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (204405) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time *(2063660)* ***6.05*** *Home and Away (221844)* **6.25-7.00** Central News (239863) **10.40** Jurassic Park: The Royal Film Premiere (859844) **11.10** Film: Escape (526825) **12.30am** Hollywood Report (37055) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (51887) **2.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (88061) **2.30** America's Top-Ten (42528) **3.00** Raw Power (38719) **4.00** Quiz Night (92023) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (71988)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (205134) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (204405) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2585641) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2063660) **6.00** Home and Away (863) **6.25** Granada Tonight (193757) **6.50-7.00** Wyatt on Wheels (634307) **10.40** Families (649405) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (779405) **12.35am** Wrestling (8441332) **1.15** America's Top Ten (22239) **1.45** Film: Next to No Time (945054) **3.25-4.30** Stage 2 (6580448)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (204405) **6.00** HTV News (863) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (115) **10.40** The West This Week (933405) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (613370) **11.40** Prisoner: *Cell Block H (918860)* **12.35am** Wrestling (8441332) **1.15** America's Top Ten (22239) **1.45** Film: Next to No Time (945054) **3.25** Stage 2 (6580448) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Special Report **10.40** Wales and Westminster **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25-11.40** Out of Limits

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 All Together Now (2585641) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (863) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (115) **10.40** The Pier (898486) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (789134) **12.15am** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (725289) **1.15am-1.35** Nite Bites (1712697)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55pm Tyne Tees Today (826399) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (115) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (859844) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (793950) **12.05am-1.50** Film: Stone Cold Dead (440158)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 *Blockbusters* (2585641) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (57009) **10.40** Beyond Belief (859844) **11.10** Go Fishing (738860) **11.40** The Equalizer (918860) **12.35am** Wrestling (8441332) **1.15** America's Top Ten (22239) **1.45-3.25** Film: Next to No Time (382887)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (204405) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2585641) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (57009) **10.40** Jurassic Park: The Royal Film Premiere (859844) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (798950) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (1140326) **12.35** Wrestling (8441332) **1.15** America's Top Ten (22239) **1.45** Film: Next to No Time (945054) **3.25** Stage 2 (6580448) **4.30** Riviera (53210) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (22852)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55pm Calendar (826399) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (115) **10.40** Jurassic Park: The Royal Film Premiere (859844) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (793950) **12.05am** Film: Stone Cold Dead (440158) **1.50** America's Top Ten (2957413) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8083177) **2.50-4.25** Film: The Man Who *Had Power Over Women* (874448)

S4C
Starts: 9.25 Sandokan (5796931) **9.50** Batman and Robin (6352467) **10.15** Once *Upon a Time...Space (9730757)* **10.35** Kideo (6996318) **11.00** Tintin (7028) **11.30** The Next Big Thing (8757) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (45776) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (63660) **1.00** Sesame Street (68115) **2.00** Film: Wabash Avenue (322370) **3.40** Air Support (5376592) **4.00** The Christians (1080) **5.00** Countdown (2115) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (592) **6.00** Newyddion (674912) **6.10** Heno (276370) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2979) **7.30** Margaret (21399) **8.30** Newyddion (348467) **8.55** Minafon (734825) **9.40** Golff (554950) **10.10** Tour de France (152641) **10.40** Film: The Father Clements Story (60330134) **12.25-12.55** Moments of Crisis (7753848)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (16025221) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (3810467) **9.10** Cartoons (8899689) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (18134) **10.00** Card Sharks (5641196) **10.25** Concentration (8049912) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (2364115) **11.00** The Bold And The Beautiful (18660) **11.30** Falcon Crest (81134) **12.30pm** E Street (12950) **1.00** Another World (4586457) **1.45** Three's Company *(859979)* ***2.15*** *Sally Jessy Raphael (597912)* **3.15** Different Strokes (630844) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5022931) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8554) **6.00** Games World (5196) **6.30** E Street (9776) **7.00** Rescue (8283) **7.30** Full House (8660) **8.00** Eddie Dodd (50134) **9.00** Chances (30370) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (40757) **11.00-12.00** The Streets Of San Francisco (75080)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour. **6.00am** News (99221) **6.30** News and Business Report (502202) **9.30** ABC Nightline (61080) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (69134) **11.30** International Business *Report (89776)* ***12.30pm*** *News and Business Report (63950)* **1.30** Good Morning America (71979) **2.30** Parliament Live (8894711) **3.15** Parliament Live (2818592) **4.30** News and Business Report (5573) **5.00** Live at Five (103660) **7.30** Financial Times Reports (8202) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (54660) **9.30** Talkback (66554) **11.30** ABC World News Tonight (56738) **12.30** Financial Times Reports (11239) **1.30** ABC News (69784) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (77722) **3.30** *ABC News* (88887) **4.30** Financial Times Reports (17784) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (84429)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2976680)
10.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989). The life of Magwitch in exile (90738)
12.00 Dragnet (1969): Jack Webb plays the *private eye* (59554)
2.00pm Cops and Robbers (1973). Caper comedy about a Wall Street heist (31009)
4.00 Lightning, The White Stallion (1986): Mickey Rooney befriends a horse (3486)
6.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (as 10am) (44573)
8.00 The Man Upstairs (1991): An old lady takes in a former convict (56318)
10.00 The Runestone (1991): Urban horror about a Norse monster (997950)
11.45 Madhouse *(1990): A couple's house* guests refuse to leave (622457)
1.15am Rage of Honour (1987): Martial arts adventure with Sho Kosugi (501871)
2.45 A Row of Crows (1991): A sheriff (John Beck) has to solve a murder (221548)
4.25 The Sitter (1991): A babysitter turns out to be unbalanced (481968). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Seven Brides For Seven Brothers (1954). Western musical about woodmen stealing their brides (28573)
8.00 Anna Karenina (1948, b/w): Vivien Leigh plays Tolstoy's heroine (30318)
10.00 And Justice For All (1979): Al Pacino plays a fiery lawyer (890573). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am So Dark the Night (1946, b/w): Murder mystery set in France (26573)
8.00 The Summer of the Falcon. German children's adventure (67573)
10.00 Alvarez Kelly (1966): A cattle rancher is caught up in the civil war (81080)
12.00 The Pink Panther (1964): Peter Sellers plays Inspector Clouseau (57196)
2.00 Wings of Fame (1990): Dutch drama about the nature of celebrity. With Peter O'Toole (62979)
4.00 The Summer of the Falcon (as 8am) (1026)
6.00 White Hot: The Mysterious Murder *of Thelma Todd* *(1991): A district attorney* investigates the death of a gangster's lover (42115)
8.00 Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (1991): Comedy adventure in which the excellent dudes go to Hell (47660)
10.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991). Neil Simon comedy about a playboy and a showgirl (12486)
12.00 Wild Thing (1987) A doctor attempts to tame a boy from the streets (986535)
1.35am Come See the Paradise *(1990):* Alan Parker film about a romance disrupted by the Pearl Harbor bombing (94109516)
3.50 Dracula (1979): Frank Langella plays the blood-sucking count (339351). Ends at **5.35**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (88080) **7.00** Australian Rugby League (20554) **9.00** Prime Bodies (31196) **9.30** *Motor World* (75028) **10.00** Rugby Union Super 10 Championship (88592) **12.00** The Footballers' Football Show (98973) **1.00pm** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (10738) **2.30** Cycling Tour DuPont (4009) **3.00** Superbikes Grand Prix (83383) **4.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (7573) **5.00** World Team Pool Championships (8950) **6.00** World Wrestling Federation All American Wrestling (87863) **7.00** F1 Grand Prix (76196) **8.00** Best Of British Motorsport *(65844)* ***9.00*** *Rugby Union Super 10* Championship (88931) **11.00** Motor World (42641) **11.30** Cycling Tour DuPont (62824) **12.00-1.00am** F1 Grand Prix (66544)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (38573) **8.00** Eurogolf (84216) **9.00** Tour de France (59592) **9.30** Tour de France (5650783) **3.30** Eurofun (7950) **4.00** Equestrian Meeting (36080) **5.00** Triathlon Iron Man (6478) **6.00** Mountain Bike World Cup (3134) **6.30** News (4486) **7.00** Karting Championships (94592) **8.00** Motor Racing Grand Prix Magazine (70912) **9.00** Tour de France (90776) **10.00** Boxing (56844) **12.00-12.30am** News (21974)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (8382979) **7.30** Neighbours (8361486) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2293689) **8.30** EastEnders (2285660) **9.00** The Bill (2278912) **9.30** The Onedin Line (7606028) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (4900660) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3417660) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2296776) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9050486) **1.00** EastEnders (8374950) **1.30** The Bill (9059757) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (2358825) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (5223283) **3.00** Dallas (3428776) **4.00** Dynasty (3407283) **5.00** Blankety Blank (2372405) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5234399) **6.00** Neighbours (5224912) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6567844) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5244776) **8.00** EastEnders (2378689) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (2357196) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (3489509) **10.00** The Bill (2297405) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (2273825) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7036318) **11.40** Dr Who (3437221) **12.10** Film: Captain Scarlett (1953): Not the puppets but an adventure set in the unrest of post-Napoleonic France (12334210) **1.30-2.00** Video Bites (5669239)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (29912) **7.00** Ratkan II (92370) **9.00** Jack in the Box (75115) **11.00** Stones Without Words (90202) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (91931) **12.00** You Can't Do That On Television (30793) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (14931) **2.00** Stones Without Words (3047) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (2047) **3.00** Babar (2276641) **3.25** Ratkan II (50940825) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer — Pt 26 (26) (4389) **5.30** Saved By The Bell (6863) **6.00-7.00** Fame (30757)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — Eigenvalues and Eigenlines
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, news and weather with Chris de Souza including John Field (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 1 No 1); Haydn (Symphony No 103 in E flat); Handel (Trio Sonata in F, Op 2 No 3); Sinding (Piano Concerto in D flat)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn. The chamber music, presented by Michael Oliver. Piano Trio in D minor, Op 49; String Quartet in A minor, Op 13
10.00 Morning Sequence: Korngold *(Theme and Variations)*; Bach (Concerto in C for Three Harpsichords, BWV 1064); Monteclair (Il Dispetto in amore); Debussy (Cello *Sonata)*; Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Purcell (If music be the food of love; Sweeter than roses); Korngold (Suite: Much ado about nothing)
12.00 Hausmusik (r)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Radio On Show: Tony Staveacre introduces a live recital by the Britten Quartet from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Verdi (String Quartet in E minor); Dvořák *(String Quartet in F, Op 96,* American)
2.00 Haydn's Operas: Orlando Paladino. Orlando's love for Angelica is threatened by the magic of a sorceress, Alcina. Performed by Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Antal Dorati. With George Shirley (tenor) as Orlando, Arleen Auger (soprano) as Angelica and Gwendolyn Killebrew (soprano) as Alcina
5.00 In Tune: Music, news and arts with David Owen Norris. The guest is John Drummond, director of the BBC Promenade Concerts
7.30 BBC Radio On Show: A live concert of popular classics from the Colston Hall, Bristol. Grieg (Peer Gynt, Suite No 1); Sibelius (Valse Triste, Op 44 No 1); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor); Stravinsky (Petrushka, 1947 version) Performed by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka, with soloist Noriko Ogawa, piano. In the interval at 8.25 an interview with poet and golf writer Patric Dickinson
9.30 Before Thomas Cook: Ian Ousby concludes his series on the origins of British tourism. With Bill Wallis as Joseph Budworth, author of *A Fortnight's Ramble to the Lakes*
9.55 Two Organists: Hans Fagius and David Sanger (organ of the Osterhaninge Church, Sweden) *perform Merkel* (Sonata in D minor for organ duet)
10.15 Hawk Stalks: Ron Geesin presents the third of six programmes on the saxophonist Coleman Hawkins (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine presents the topical arts magazine, the last programme in the series
11.30 The Lure of the East: Schubert (Versunken, Geheimes, Suleika I and II); Britten (Songs from the Chinese); Delage (Quatre poèmes hindous); Stravinsky (Three Japanese Lyrics); *Strauss (Gesänge des Orients, Op 77)*
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this morning on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 The Moral Maze with Michael Buerk
9.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Looking Mexborough in the Eyes. With Ian McMillan
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: Deuteronomy *(LW only)*
10.30 Woman's Hour. Includes a feature on Jewish children who were hidden during the second world war; a *discussion on fruit and* vegetable juices; and interviews with musicians Pamela Thorby and Rachel Podger from the Palladian Ensemble
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00pm News; You and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25 Slightly Foxed. Gill Pyrah challenges guests David Profumo, Sarah Dunant, Arthur Smith and Jeremy J. Beadle *12.55* Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Rediscovering Leo. See Choice
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen on a new production of the Pirandello play *The Mountain Giants*; and a review of *Eugene Onegin* at the Royal Opera House
4.45 Short Story: Faith, Hope and Charity, by John McGahern (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: Magic. The first in a *new series of the comedy that* answers bizarre questions. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring with Rebecca Front, Armando Iannucci and *the voice of Tom Baker*
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 On the Road Again: Never What's Expected. Series *retracing the hippy trail of the* 1960s across Europe and Asia. "Islam seems less sinister once you're inside a Muslim country", says Anna, arriving in Amman. But what is Daniel doing on the road to Damascus with a supermarket trolley and two dogs? *(2/4)*
8.00 Analysis: *All Sound and Fury?* In the light of the Bosnian crisis, Ian Davidson considers the Maastricht Treaty which hopes to establish a common foreign and security policy for the European Community
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Ted Harrison. *For listeners with disabilities*
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Queen and I, by Sue Townsend. Read by Miriam Margolyes (4/8) (r)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: The Ebony Horse. With Derek Jacobi as the King and Carolyn Backhouse as *Shahrazad (2/7)*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Rediscovering Leo. *Radio 4, 2.00pm*

John Harrison's clever little play tells the story of a crusty has-been composer, Leo (the wonderful Paul Scofield) and his delicate relationship with an unhappy young journalist, Pamela (Samantha Bond). Leo soon realises that Pamela has not arrived on his doorstep to interview him, but to talk about his arch rival, the conductor Sir *Joshua Manning*. "You know I don't think I want to talk about Josh", barks Leo, to which Pamela responds that she will not be able to write her article. It is a tricky beginning, but music is the food of love, and the conversation develops intriguingly.

Cajun Routes. *Radio 2, 10.00pm*

This three-part series on Cajun music gets off to a useful start by defining its terms. Presenter Chris Hall, a tour organiser for Cajun *bands in the UK*, reveals the myriad influences that have helped to make Cajun one of the most danceable and vibrant forms of music. He also explains the difference between Cajun and Zydeco, sprinkling his observations with foot-tapping illustrations such as Rockin' Sidney's "My Toot Toot".

Stephanie Billen

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00am** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session *8.30 Dance Energy 9.00 The Guest List 10.00* Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.15am** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Cajun Routes. See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Let's Make a Story **9.15** Together: An Assembly for Schools: **9.35** Listening and Reading 3; **9.45** The Song Tree; **10.00** In the News **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** The Open **7.15** No More School **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **8.30** No Surrender **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** *News, Sport*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: The Shepherd's Calendar **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News *7.10 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today* **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** *Sherlock Holmes 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Multitrack 2* **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Shepherd's Calendar **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** *News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 News* **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** *Network UK* **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Good Voice **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sherlock Holmes **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Robert Booth Noon Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Suppe (Light Cavalry Overture); Waldteufel (Skater's Waltz); Mozart *(Exsultate Jubilate) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00-6.00am Sarah Ward*

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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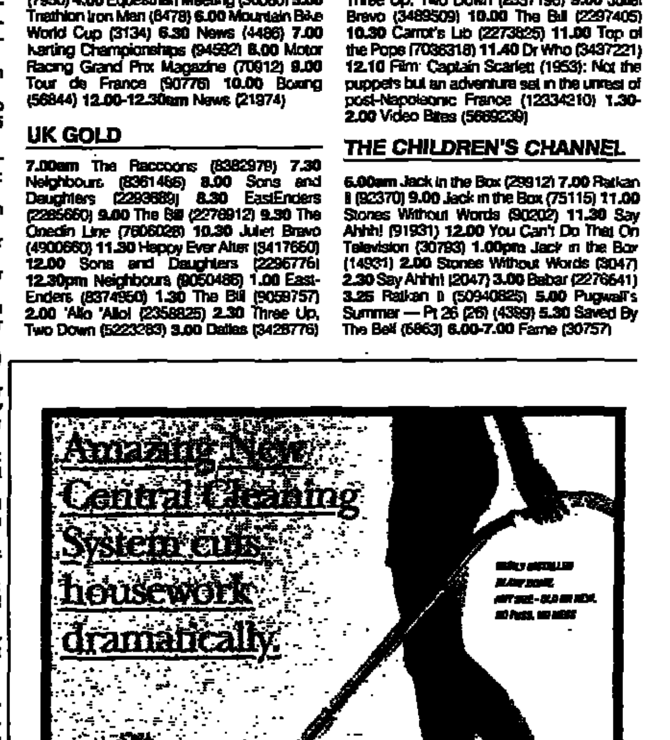

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Americans in trim for sustained Open Championship challenge

Faldo calm before the storm

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JUST before 1pm yesterday, a deathly calm hung over the putting green at Royal St George's golf club, Sandwich. Paul Azinger and Ben Crenshaw stood talking in the middle of the putting surface. Lee Janzen, the US Open champion, was at work, richer after winning a handsome bet from Azinger when they had played together in the morning. "He played superb golf," Azinger said.

David Edwards, of the United States, rolled putt after putt into the hole from 25 feet, thereby showing why he is considered to be such a good dark horse for the 122nd Open Championship that starts this morning. Azinger, for one, has put some money on his compatriot.

Spectators stood respectfully still and mute. Low grey clouds dampened any enthusiasm they might have had on the eve of golf's greatest annual major tournament. There was none of the hubbub one associates with Opens in Scotland, where children cheerfully scamper hither and yon. It was quiet, almost too quiet, and eerie; all British decorum and diffidence.

Even the arrival of Nick Faldo was marked only by a small and swirling current of autograph hunters who followed in his wake in the short walk from the clubhouse. He spent five minutes practising his putting before gathering up Gary Evans, his playing partner, and marching to the first tee to begin their last practice round.

Faldo believes more than any other present-day player that practice makes perfect. Before the 1981 Open, he made several forays to this course. "Nothing will be left to chance," he said then. "You want to know the course so well that you know it by heart. In the end, you want to go to sleep at night thinking about it."

Twelve years on, five major championships to the better, and the rage for perfection is greater than ever. Faldo is as obsessed by major championships as Captain Ahab was by Moby Dick. He was at Sandwich last week, a lone figure out among the sand hills. He has worked tirelessly with David Leadbetter — too tirelessly, perhaps. At the US Open, he was to be seen with his head held by David Leadbetter, his hips by Fanny Sunesson, his caddie, and his legs by Mitchell Spearman — all three members of "Team Faldo".

Faldo has come to terms with the fierce personal attacks mounted on him by other players. At St Andrews in 1990, it was Scott Hoch who suggested Faldo had had a charisma bypass. Last year, Wayne Riley, the sparky Australian, took up the attack. This year, it was Jesper Parnevik, the young Swede, who allegedly called Faldo a loner, among other things.

Faldo regards these attacks as part of the Open madness. "Don't worry about me, I can cope," he said. Clearly he can, silencing the critics by winning by five strokes at St Andrews and a solitary stroke at Muirfield 12 months ago.

Royal St George's has gone slightly off the boil. It was at its best last month when rain and sun had combined to make the semi-rough thick and luxuriant. Since then, the rough has shrivelled and even the recent rain of this week has done insufficient to nourish it. It will be the firmest Open course in recent memory.

The greens are at a speed of nine on the stimpmeter, as fast as they should be. Any faster and they could become unplayable in a brisk wind. But will there be a wind? One hopes so. Seaside golf without a wind is like shadow boxing: far from the real thing. There was only a light westerly yesterday and the forecast is for nothing stronger today.

St George's offers numerous historical pointers as to the winner of the championship this year. Since only three of the 11 Opens have been won by Americans, the odds favour a non-American. Furthermore, St George's tends to throw up first-time winners.

Yet a healthy scepticism to these statistics is advised. Seaside golf is the least predictable form of this maddening game — and seaside golf in this particular corner of Kent is the most unpredictable of all. So much can depend on the weather.

Eight years ago, Sandy Lyle went out in the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second and had a calm 36 holes. His scores of 68 and 71, one under par, reflected this. Severiano Ballesteros, on the other hand, caught the rainstorms of Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and was nine over par after 36 holes. Thereafter, the cause of the champion was lost.

The Open is the true world championship of golf. "I think it is the fairest with conditions of entry of any Open championship," Tom Watson said on Tuesday. "Our Open excluded Ben Crenshaw, which I thought was not right. The Sony rankings, which the Open uses, is correct, giving the players who have been in the list the last four or five years the chance."

Watson said he liked both Payne Stewart's and Paul Azinger's chances. Stewart is playing such controlled golf on both sides of the Atlantic that, in his third Open at Sandwich, he is clearly a favourite.

"Anyone who can hit it low and work it both ways has a chance," Faldo said. Ian Woosnam? He needs inspiration on the greens. Sandy Lyle? He just needs inspiration.

Although Bill Rogers may be one of the less heralded of recent Open champions, the year he won he was undoubtedly the best player in the world. If this Open remains true to form and reveals the best player in the world, then the title is between Nick Price, Bernhard Langer and Faldo.

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IAN STEWART

Concentration situation: Faldo practises his swing during last-minute preparations yesterday for the Open at Royal St George's

Slow play will not pay

THE Royal and Ancient Golf Club yesterday announced a campaign to halt the slow play that might turn the Open Championship into a boring spectacle for spectators. Some practice rounds at Royal St George's this week have been taking more than five hours, but the Royal and Ancient plans to punish players who take as long when the tournament proper gets under way.

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the R and A, said he was taking the slow play issue "very seriously" and added that a referee would accompany every match on the course with powers to penalise.

Bonallack said the players would receive one warning, after which they would be timed. Three warnings would result in a two-stroke penalty. Players would have 40 seconds in which to hit their shots, with the first to play in each group getting an extra 10 seconds. The approved limit for a three-ball in the first two days is four hours 10 minutes, 25 minutes longer than the final two rounds.

(GB and Ire unless stated)

0715 today and 1145 tomorrow: W Guy, M Pinero (Sp), J Cook
0725 and 1155: O Karlsson (Swe), M Clayton (Aus), R Willison
0735 and 1205: *I Pyman, G Player (SA), L Mize (US)
0745 and 1215: J Parnevik (Swe), S Richardson, W Andrade (US)
0755 and 1225: N Ozaki (Japan), J Haeggman (Swe), L Wadkins (US)
0805 and 1240: J Huston (US), P Azinger (US), M A Jiménez (Sp)
0820 and 1250: D Waldorf (US), P Senior (Aus), C Mason
0830 and 1300: G Turner (NZ), J Spence, T Watson (US)
0840 and 1310: P Stewart (US), D Love III (US), P McGinley
0850 and 1320: S Elkington (Aus), M Calcavecchia (US), N Faldo
0900 and 1330: T Purtzer (US), G Norman (Aus), G Evans
0910 and 1345: W Grady (Aus), L Rinker (US), P-U Johansson (Swe)
0925 and 1355: I Woosnam, D Feherty, J Daly (US)
0935 and 1405: F Allem (SA), H Twitty (US), J Van de Velde (Fr)
0945 and 1415: T Lehman (US), S Pate (US), D Gilford
0955 and 1425: C Pavin (US), M McNulty (Zim), H Clark
1005 and 1435: I Baker-Finch (Aus), S Simpson (US), A Lyle
1015 and 1450: N Price (Zim), D Edwards (US), C Montgomerie
1030 and 1500: P Fowler (Aus), T Kite (US), M Roe
1040 and 1510: A Jacklin, *J Leonard (US), C Parry (Aus)
1050 and 1520: *S Dundas, P Talbot, J Camiles (Sp)
1100 and 1530: M Mackenzie, P Lawrie, P Eales
1110 and 1540: R Boxall, K Tomori (Japan), Miller
1120 and 1550: D Clarke, T Price (Aus), D Smyth
1135 and 1600: *M Voges (US), S Field, B Watts (US)
1145 and 1610: M Krantz (Swe), *S Griffiths, C Cassells
1155 and 1620: Y Mizumaki (Japan), B Malley (US), G Orr
1205 and 0715: G Farr, E O'Connell, I Garbutt
1215 and 0725: P Mooney (Aus), M Gates, B Tellería (Fr)
1225 and 0735: V Singh (Fiji), P Broadhurst, F Couples (US)
1240 and 0745: J McGovern (US), J Cook (US), C O'Connor Jr
1250 and 0755: A Magee (US), P Baker, V Fernandez (Arg)
1300 and 0805: P Mitchell, J Maggert (US), J Gallagher Jr (US)
1310 and 0820: D W Basson (SA), G Morgan (US) A Forsbrand (Swe)
1320 and 0830: A Johnstone (Zim), B Langer (Ger), L Janzen (US)
1330 and 0840: D Forsman (US), R Floyd (US), A Sherborne
1345 and 0850: M Harwood (Aus), B Faxon (US), B Lane
1355 and 0900: F Nobilo (NZ), C Rocca (It), C Beck (US)
1405 and 0910: B Crenshaw (US), D Frost (SA), J Rivero (Sp)
1415 and 0925: Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan), M O'Meara (US), S Ballesteros (Sp)
1425 and 0935: E Romero (Arg), J Sluman (US), R Chapman
1435 and 0945: M James, J M Olazábal (Sp), J Nicklaus (US)
1450 and 0955: E Els (SA), S Torrance, F Zoeller (US)
1500 and 1005: R Goosen (SA), R Allenby (Aus), D Hammond (US)
1510 and 1015: G Brand Jr, W Westner (SA), R Medlate (US)
1520 and 1030: R Karlsson (Swe), R Davis (Aus), P Way
1530 and 1040: M Hallberg (Swe), M Sunesson (Swe), M Davis
1540 and 1050: R Lee, R Kawagishi (Japan), *M Welch
1550 and 1100: J Sewell, T Fukuzawa (Japan), N Van Rensburg (SA)
1600 and 1110: N Sugai (Japan), G Day (US), A Sorensen (Den)
1610 and 1120: T Pernice (US), P Scott, T Nash
1620 and 1135: P Smith, R Drummond, S Ames (Trin)

*denotes amateur

United draw Honved at first hurdle

MANCHESTER United, who marked the return of English football clubs from European exile by beating Hungarian opposition, must do so again if they are to recapture the European Cup (Keith Pike writes).

Two years ago, after the five-year ban in the wake of the Heysel Stadium disaster was lifted, United beat Pecsi Munkas in the first round of the Cup Winners' Cup and went on to defeat Barcelona in the final. The draw in Geneva yesterday pitted them against Honved, with United, who in 1968 became the first English side to win the European Cup, travelling to Budapest for the first leg.

"Perhaps it is a good omen," Martin Edwards, the United chairman, said. "Honved have a great tradition and this should capture the imagination of our supporters."

Honved supplied the bulk of the great Hungarian side of the Fifties, including six of the team that beat England 6-3 at Wembley in 1953, and have won their national title seven times in the last ten years. "We will do our homework and look at them closely," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. His first opportunity comes on August 8, when Honved play Millwall at the London club's new ground, Senegal Fields.

Marseilles, the holders, were included in the draw but it is by no means certain that the French champions, involved in bribery allegations, will eventually face AEK Athens. Noel le Graet, president of the French league, said that if Marseilles were found to have bribed Valenciennes players to lose a game on May 20, the league would ask the French Football Federation to withdraw them.

Rangers, who ran Marseilles close after reaching the Champions League stage last season, were drawn against Levski Sofia, winners of the Bulgarian league.

Cwmbran Town, the minnows from the Konica League of Wales, missed out on the big fish but were happy to have been drawn against Cork City, of the Bord Gais League of Ireland, in the preliminary round. The winners face the Turkish champions, Galatasaray.

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Rangers agree £4m fee to sign Ferguson

BY KEITH PIKE

RANGERS have agreed to break the British football transfer record by paying Dundee United £4.1 million for their striker, Duncan Ferguson.

The move, worth £500,000 more than Blackburn Rovers paid Southampton for Alan Shearer to set the existing record, came on a day when two other British players were involved in deals worth more than £7 million, with Des Walker joining Sheffield Wednesday from Sampdoria and David Platt moving to Sampdoria from Juventus.

United, who had not wanted to sell Ferguson, 21, to another Scottish club, finally relented when Rangers offered £3.7 million in cash and two further payments of £200,000, dependent on the number of caps Ferguson wins.

"We had to take the money," Ivan Golac, the United manager, said. "We might have gone a couple of months into the season and found that interest in Ferguson had dropped."

Ferguson was meeting a Rangers negotiating team headed by David Murray, the owner and chairman, in Edinburgh last night. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, flew back from their pre-season training camp in Italy to take part in the discussions.

Walker's 12 months of misery in Italy ended when the England central defender agreed to a £2.7 million transfer to Hillsborough. Walker, 27, will sign a four-year contract tomorrow, having passed a medical at Hillsborough yesterday.

Sampdoria, having made £1.2 million profit on the player they bought from Nottingham Forest in May last year, immediately reinvested that money and more by signing David Platt, Walker's England colleague, from Juventus. A fee in the region of £4.5 million was said to have been agreed.

Platt was thought to be travelling from Turin last night to meet the Sampdoria director, Paolo Borea. "David Platt is now a Sampdoria player," Borea said. "We have agreed a fee of £4.5 million with Juventus. David will complete the formalities after undergoing the usual medical tests."

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8 Wellington (4,4)
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17 Cringe and flatter (4)
18 Grippers (6)
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22 Hypothetical (8)
23 White-haired dark horse (4)

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2 Breakfast/lunch (6)
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4 Yearn (4)
5 Alter (6)
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By Raymond Keene

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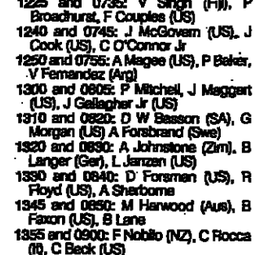

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By Philip Howard

CATANANCHE
a. A rock slide
b. Random necessity
c. A blue herb

MATIPO
a. An evergreen tree
b. A Greek grain vase
c. A computer language

TERAKOYA
a. A bean-curd pâté
b. An elementary school
c. A martial art with sticks

REINGA
a. Submarine photosynthesis
b. A chess gambit
c. The next world

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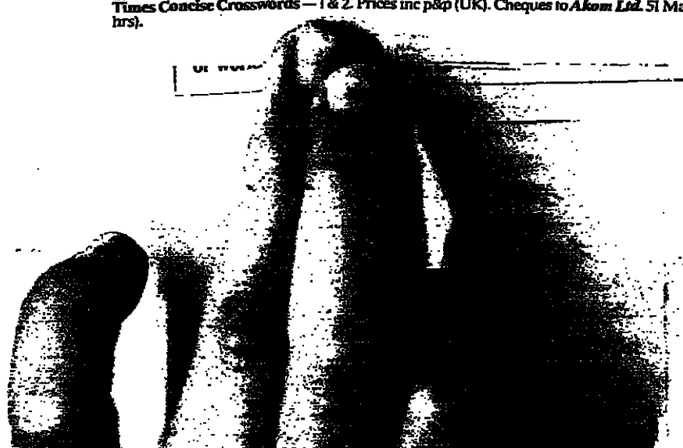

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